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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Both the men's and women's track and field teams of  
2 Texas A&M University won national titles at the NCAA Division I  
3 Outdoor Track and Field Championships, and in so doing, became the  
4 first school in history to sweep the men's and women's championships  
5 for three years in a row; and

6           WHEREAS, The dramatic conclusion to the meet, which was held  
7 June 8-11, 2011, in Des Moines, Iowa, demonstrated the steely  
8 resolve of these exceptional competitors; both squads clinched  
9 their victories in the final event, the 1,600-meter relay,  
10 finishing in first place to edge out their closest competitors; and

11           WHEREAS, Other highlights of the meet included second-place  
12 finishes by both of the Aggie 400-meter relay squads, a gold medal  
13 for Jessica Beard in the 400-meter dash, a silver medal for Jeneba  
14 Tarmoh in the 200-meter dash, a bronze medal for Sam Humphreys in  
15 the javelin, and a bronze medal for Julian Reid in the triple jump;  
16 the A&M athletes also scored points in a variety of other events en  
17 route to claiming their dual championships; and

18           WHEREAS, Each member of the men's and women's squads can take  
19 pride in their contributions; in addition to Mr. Humphreys and  
20 Mr. Reid, the men's roster for the NCAA Outdoor Championships  
21 included Michael Bryan, Wayne Davis II, Melvin Echard, Prezel  
22 Hardy, Jr., Tabarie Henry, Tran Howell, Bryan Miller, Gerald Phiri,  
23 Demetrius Pinder, Michael Preble, Joey Roberts, and Tyron Stewart;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to Ms. Beard and Ms. Tarmoh, the women's  
2 roster included Laura Asimakis, Ashley Collier, Dominique Duncan,  
3 Daphne Fitzpatrick, Donique Flemings, Emalie Humphreys, Sasha-Kay  
4 Matthias, Gabby Mayo, Ibukun Mayungbe, Natasha Ruddock, and Andrea  
5 Sutherland; and

6           WHEREAS, These skilled athletes were under the direction of  
7 head coach Pat Henry, who now has 33 national titles to his credit;  
8 additional guidance was provided by assistant coaches Vince  
9 Anderson, Juan De La Garza, Alleyne Francique, Jim VanHootegem, and  
10 Dan Waters; and

11           WHEREAS, With this unprecedented third consecutive double  
12 championship, Texas A&M has further distinguished itself as one of  
13 the premier track and field programs in the nation, and all those  
14 involved in this outstanding achievement are deserving of special  
15 recognition; now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the men's and  
18 women's track and field teams of Texas A&M University on winning  
19 national titles at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field  
20 Championships for the third consecutive year and extend to the  
21 athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued  
22 success; and, be it further

23           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for the teams as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
25 House of Representatives.