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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Navarro College baseball team reached the 2 pinnacle of success on June 4, 2011, when it claimed the National 3 Junior College Athletic Association Division Ι national championship with a victory in the title game of the JUCO World 4 5 Series; and WHEREAS, After establishing a 37-17 record in the regular 6 season, these determined athletes battled their way to the 7 championship contest with a series of outstanding performances in 8 9 the playoffs; the Bulldogs won four straight games to become champions of the Southern Region, thereby earning a berth in the 10 11 world series tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado; they continued 12 their win streak with triumphs over Southern Union State Community College, Iowa Western, and Chipola; after a loss to Central Arizona 13 14 on June 1, they rebounded with a nine-run effort the next day to best Iowa Western and secure a place in the tournament final; and 15 16 WHEREAS, With the championship on the line, Navarro was once again pitted against Central Arizona, and their showdown proved to 17 be an evenly matched classic that left the teams knotted at four 18 runs apiece after nine innings of play; the dramatic conclusion 19 came in the bottom of the 10th, when Bulldog catcher J. T. Files 20 21 blasted a two-run walk-off home run to give his team the victory and the national title; and 22 WHEREAS, Guided by head coach Whoa Dill, the Navarro team 23

finished the year with an overall record of 46 wins and 18 losses,

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- 1 and the members of the Bulldog roster demonstrated notable
- 2 dedication and ability as they worked toward their season-long
- 3 goal; and
- WHEREAS, In proving themselves the finest Division I junior
- 5 college team in the nation, the Navarro Bulldogs have won the
- 6 admiration of their many supporters in the Corsicana community, and
- 7 the players will forever treasure their memories of this
- 8 exceptional achievement; now, therefore, be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Navarro
- 11 College baseball team on winning the 2011 NJCAA Division I national
- 12 championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff
- 13 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for the Navarro Bulldogs as an expression of high regard by
- 16 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 234 was adopted by the House on June 28, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House