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R E S O L U T I O N

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 I national
4 championship with a victory in the title game of the JUCO World
5 Series; and

6 WHEREAS, After establishing a 37-17 record in the regular
7 season, these determined athletes battled their way to the
8 championship contest with a series of outstanding performances in
9 the playoffs; the Bulldogs won four straight games to become
10 champions of the Southern Region, thereby earning a berth in the
11 world series tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado; they continued
12 their win streak with triumphs over Southern Union State Community
13 College, Iowa Western, and Chipola; after a loss to Central Arizona
14 on June 1, they rebounded with a nine-run effort the next day to
15 best Iowa Western and secure a place in the tournament final; and

16 WHEREAS, With the championship on the line, Navarro was once
17 again pitted against Central Arizona, and their showdown proved to
18 be an evenly matched classic that left the teams knotted at four
19 runs apiece after nine innings of play; the dramatic conclusion
20 came in the bottom of the 10th, when Bulldog catcher J. T. Files
21 blasted a two-run walk-off home run to give his team the victory and
22 the national title; and

23 WHEREAS, Guided by head coach Whoa Dill, the Navarro team
24 finished the year with an overall record of 46 wins and 18 losses,

1 and the members of the Bulldog roster demonstrated notable
2 dedication and ability as they worked toward their season-long
3 goal; and

4 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.