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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, During 2010, the Texas Christian University
2 baseball team earned national recognition and had the most
3 successful season in the program's history; and

4 WHEREAS, The Horned Frogs finished the year as the No.
5 3-ranked team in the nation in all four major polls, and the
6 athletes attained a number of other notable milestones; they became
7 the first TCU team to qualify for the College World Series and the
8 first to win 50 games, and the squad's impressive total of 54
9 victories was the second-highest ever compiled by a National
10 Collegiate Athletic Association Division I school; and

11 WHEREAS, Head coach Jim Schlossnagle was named Coach of the
12 Year by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, while
13 Bryan Holaday was named an all-American and also received the
14 prestigious Johnny Bench Award, given to college baseball's top
15 catcher; the Horned Frogs hit .334 as a team and belted 101 home
16 runs, and they set 16 team and 8 individual records; and

17 WHEREAS, For the second year in a row, TCU's excellent
18 regular season record earned the team the right to host the regional
19 playoffs; they beat Lamar University 16-3 and then bested the
20 University of Arizona by a score of 11-5; in the final game, Steven
21 Maxwell pitched a 9-0 shutout against Baylor University, putting
22 the Horned Frogs into the super regional; and

23 WHEREAS, For that round of the playoffs, the Frogs traveled
24 to Austin to play The University of Texas Longhorns; TCU won the

1 first game 3-1 behind the pitching of Matt Purke but lost the second
2 to set up a dramatic tiebreaker showdown; Kyle Winkler got the
3 starting assignment and did not allow a run for over 7 innings,
4 while Aaron Schultz and Mr. Holaday hit home runs to key the 4-1
5 victory that earned the team a trip to Omaha, Nebraska, to play in
6 the College World Series; and

7 WHEREAS, In Omaha, TCU became the first school since 1994 to
8 win its CWS debut, when it beat Florida State, 8-1; the Horned Frogs
9 went all the way to the semifinals, making their inaugural series a
10 memorable one; and

11 WHEREAS, A total of 300 colleges begin every baseball season
12 with a chance to get to the College World Series, but in the end only
13 eight of them qualify; hard work and an enduring commitment to
14 excellence earned the TCU baseball team one of those eight berths in
15 2010, and these skilled athletes may take justifiable pride in this
16 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Christian University
19 baseball team on its outstanding 2010 season and extend to the
20 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
21 success; and, be it further

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