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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an impressive display of agility and precision,
2 The University of Texas at El Paso claimed its first-ever National
3 Cheerleaders Association Co-Ed Division Championship at the
4 College Nationals competition, which took place April 6-9, 2011;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The 19-member Miners team, accompanied by mascot
7 Paydirt Pete, competed against 12 other universities at the event
8 in Daytona Beach, Florida; the determined UTEP squad bested such
9 cheerleading powerhouses as the University of Michigan, Marshall
10 University, and the University of Central Oklahoma, winner of the
11 previous four national championships; and

12 WHEREAS, The team members dedicated their performance to
13 Ronny Jo Villarreal, a 2001 UTEP graduate and a former captain of
14 the cheerleading squad, who had recently passed away after a battle
15 with breast cancer; Ms. Villarreal had visited the team in 2010 and
16 inspired them with a message of strength and perseverance; and

17 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship represents the
18 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an enduring
19 commitment to excellence, and these talented competitors and Miners
20 head coach, David Vasquez, may take justifiable pride in this
21 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at El Paso
24 cheerleading team on winning the 2011 National Cheerleaders

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1 Association Co-Ed Division Championship and extend to its members
2 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the squad as an expression of high regard by the Texas
5 House of Representatives.