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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A talented team of four engineering students from
2 The University of Texas at Dallas took top honors in its division at
3 the 2011 BattleBots/BotsIQ Nationals, held in Miami Beach from
4 February 23 through 27; and

5 WHEREAS, This annual competition features fighting robots
6 created by teams of high school and college students; the robots
7 compete two at a time in a closed arena, battering each other until
8 one of the mechanical warriors is immobilized or destroyed; in the
9 process of designing, building, and maintaining their battlebots,
10 students gain experience in working as a team, meeting deadlines,
11 and working within tight budget and weight constraints; and

12 WHEREAS, The victorious battlebot created by the UT Dallas
13 team is named Blender and includes a whirling, steel-toothed disc
14 of military-grade titanium that rotates at nearly 100 miles per
15 hour; in a shower of sparks, it triumphed against opponents with
16 such fearsome names as Witch Doctor and Doomsday, taking first
17 prize in the college 120-pound weight class; and

18 WHEREAS, Combining the complementary skills of two
19 mechanical engineering students and two electrical engineering
20 students, the team consisted of Zach Heins, Alex Kollaja, Nikkan
21 Yadegary, and Stuart Yun; these resourceful competitors benefited
22 from the guidance and encouragement of UT Dallas engineering
23 professor Dr. Cy Cantrell; and

24 WHEREAS, The members of the UT Dallas battlebot team have

1 earned great distinction for themselves and their school through
2 their ingenuity, knowledge, and hard work, and they are indeed
3 worthy of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the battlebot team
6 from The University of Texas at Dallas for their victory at the 2011
7 BattleBots/BotsIQ Nationals and extend to them sincere best wishes
8 for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.