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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at El Paso's men's track and
- 2 field team won the 2013 Conference USA outdoor track and field
- 3 championship with an exceptional performance at the conference
- 4 meet, held May 9 through 12 at Rice University; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Trailing the University of Houston by as many as 23
- 6 points on the final day of the competition, the Miners surged to a
- 7 15-point victory to claim their first conference title since 2008
- 8 and the first under the tutelage of head coach Mike Laaksonen, who
- 9 was chosen as the Conference USA Coach of the Year; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Leading the way for UTEP was Anthony Rotich, named
- 11 the event's Outstanding Male Performer, who collected gold medals
- 12 in the steeplechase, the 1,500-meter run, and the 5,000-meter run;
- 13 also capturing gold for the Miners were Mark Jackson in the triple
- 14 jump, Abiola Onakoya in the 400-meter run, and Mr. Onakoya,
- 15 A-Shawni Mitchell, Carnell Horn, and Daniel Tarango in the
- 16 1,600-meter relay; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an enduring commitment to
- 18 excellence, the talented UTEP athletes realized their season-long
- 19 goal of winning the conference title, and they may indeed take
- 20 justifiable pride in their outstanding accomplishment; now,
- 21 therefore, be it
- 22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
- 23 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at El Paso
- 24 men's track and field team on winning the 2013 Conference USA

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- 1 outdoor track and field championship and extend to the team's
- 2 athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
- 3 success; and, be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 5 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 109 was adopted by the House on June 25, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House