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R E S O L U T I O N

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.