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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kathleen and James Rodriguez concluded their
2 decade-long tenure as co-head coaches of The University of Texas at
3 El Paso softball team in 2013, and it is indeed fitting to recognize
4 their outstanding accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, This dedicated husband and wife duo founded the UTEP
6 softball program in 2003, and the Miners quickly developed into a
7 competitive team in the years that followed, posting their first
8 winning record in 2006-2007; the next year, the team reached the
9 Conference USA tournament semifinals, and it advanced to the title
10 game in 2009; over the years, Kathleen and James Rodriguez
11 recruited a number of exceptional athletes to play for the team,
12 including 2010 NCAA Woman of the Year finalist Stacie Townsend and
13 2012 national home run leader Camilla Carrera, who also set an NCAA
14 record for home runs per at-bat; and

15 WHEREAS, Exceptional ambassadors for the school, the couple
16 had 19 players selected to the Conference USA Honor Roll during the
17 2012-2013 season, and their team continually led the UTEP athletic
18 department in community service hours; and

19 WHEREAS, Kathleen and James Rodriguez have earned the
20 respect, admiration, and affection of the Miners' players and fans,
21 and their contributions to the UTEP community will continue to be
22 appreciated for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Kathleen and James Rodriguez for their

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1 service as co-head coaches of The University of Texas at El Paso
2 softball team and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for Kathleen and James Rodriguez as an expression of high
6 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.