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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The La Grange High School baseball team proved  
2 itself one of the finest in Texas by claiming the 2013 University  
3 Interscholastic League 3A state championship on June 6 at Disch  
4 Falk Field in Austin; and

5           WHEREAS, After clinching a playoff berth on the last day of  
6 the regular season, the Leopards demonstrated composure and  
7 determination as they advanced through the 3A bracket, recording  
8 three come-from-behind wins en route to the state tournament; and

9           WHEREAS, Following an 8-3 semifinal win over Silsbee High  
10 School, La Grange faced the defending champions from Pleasant Grove  
11 High School in Texarkana with the state title on the line; in an  
12 impressive demonstration of offensive firepower, every member of  
13 the Leopards starting lineup reached base at least once, a feat they  
14 had also achieved in the semifinals; the team pushed 10 runs across  
15 the plate in the tournament final while the stellar pitching of the  
16 game's Most Valuable Player, Logan Vinklarek, held the opposing  
17 batters to six hits and two runs; the result was a commanding  
18 victory that gave La Grange High School its fourth state baseball  
19 championship; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Vinklarek was joined on the All-Tournament Team  
21 by Trey Supak, Landon Gerik, Chris Raborn, Tanner Fritsch, and  
22 Kolby Kolek; valuable contributions were also made throughout the  
23 year by the other members of the roster: Will Davidson, Austin  
24 Colon, Ty Beseda, Dustin Drab, Adam Robinson, Riley Grayson, Blake

1 Harbers, Dalton Burton, Rustin Heger, and Kyle Oltmann; and

2 WHEREAS, The La Grange players were guided by head coach Brad  
3 Harbers, a former Leopards ballplayer who had the thrill of winning  
4 the state crown in his final year at the helm; the team also  
5 benefited from the expertise of assistant coaches Ben Ahrens and  
6 Wayne Schmidt; and

7 WHEREAS, The exceptional young athletes of the La Grange High  
8 School baseball team have demonstrated the commitment and ability  
9 of true champions, and their achievements in 2013 will be  
10 remembered with great delight in the local community for many years  
11 to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the La Grange  
14 High School baseball team on winning the UIL 3A state title and  
15 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
16 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
19 House of Representatives.