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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hallettsville High School baseball team reached
2 the pinnacle of success by winning the 2013 University
3 Interscholastic League 2A state championship on June 6 at the Dell
4 Diamond in Round Rock; and

5 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of head coach Shorty Cook and
6 assistant coaches Ryan Barnes and Tim Bridges, the Brahmas posted
7 an outstanding overall record of 35 wins and just 3 losses; their
8 perfect 10-0 run through the postseason began with victories over
9 Kountze, East Bernard, Bishop, and Marion High Schools to earn the
10 team a spot in the state tournament; and

11 WHEREAS, In the semifinals, Hallettsville turned in a
12 dominant performance against Salado, winning 16-3 in a contest that
13 was ended by the mercy rule; Chris Jones led the way by hurling a
14 four-hitter while also going 3-for-4 at the plate, and the Brahmas
15 set tournament records for the most total runs in a game and the
16 most in a single inning, following their eight-run outburst in the
17 fourth inning; and

18 WHEREAS, Advancing to the title game, the Hallettsville
19 players took the field for a championship showdown against
20 top-ranked Hughes Springs; the Brahmas took the lead early, scoring
21 twice in the first inning, but Hughes Springs battled back to tie
22 the score with two runs in the fourth; Nate Kowalik put
23 Hallettsville back on top with an RBI single in the next inning, and
24 winning pitcher and championship game Most Valuable Player Reagan

1 McAda kept the opponents off the scoreboard the rest of the way,
2 recording a complete game five-hitter as Hallettsville posted a 4-2
3 triumph to claim the third state crown in school history; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. McAda, Mr. Kowalik, and Mr. Jones were selected
5 for the All-Tournament Team, and they were joined by Carson
6 Schindler, Justin Reeves, and Will Wallace, who had three hits and
7 an RBI in the final game; excelling through teamwork, the Brahmas
8 also received valuable contributions throughout the season from the
9 other members of the roster: Brent Motal, Brannen Carraway, Kory
10 Smith, Forrest Cline, Cody Andress, Shawn Rainosek, Tait Schindler,
11 Reid Leopold, Dalton Herrington, Weston Seay, Dyllan Kerr, Tyler
12 Skelton, Kyle Leopold, Brett Garner, and Eric Klekar; and

13 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the culmination of
14 countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to
15 excellence, and these talented student-athletes may indeed look
16 back with pride on their exceptional accomplishment; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the
20 Hallettsville High School baseball team on winning the UIL 2A state
21 championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff
22 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.