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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Banditos Black baseball team of Houston proved
2 itself one of the finest amateur squads in the country by capturing
3 the World Wood Bat Association 17-and-under national championship
4 in Marietta, Georgia, on July 13, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, Made up of elite high school competitors from the
6 Houston area, the Banditos combined a powerful offense with
7 outstanding pitching to win the prestigious WWBA tournament, which
8 includes 300 teams and is considered a top showcase for young
9 ballplayers; and

10 WHEREAS, After dropping two of its first four matchups at the
11 event, the Banditos were unstoppable, winning seven straight games
12 to earn a spot in the championship final; in that contest, Bryce
13 Welborn tossed a complete-game four-hitter, a performance that
14 helped him secure the tournament Most Valuable Pitcher award; the
15 team's airtight defense chipped in with three double plays, while
16 Robie Rojas, Ryne Birk, and Kacy Clemens knocked in runs to give the
17 team a 4-0 victory and the WWBA title; and

18 WHEREAS, Guided by coach Ray De Leon, the Banditos also
19 received vital contributions throughout the tournament from the
20 other members of the roster: Ishmael Edwards, Isaiah Rojas, Daniel
21 Lee, Luis Roman, Andre Shewcraft, Zane Gurwitz, Ryan Capel,
22 Thaddius Lowry, Carter Hope, Dylan Bass, Braeden Holub, Nick Banks,
23 Austin Gryder, Nicholas Buckner, and Stone Garrett; and

24 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship represents the

1 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
2 commitment to excellence, and the memory of this accomplishment
3 will be treasured by these athletes and their supporters for many
4 years to come; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Banditos Black baseball team on
7 winning the World Wood Bat Association 17-and-under national
8 championship and extend to all those associated with the team
9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Banditos as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas House of Representatives.