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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of the 1957 and 1958 baseball teams of L.  
2 D. Bell High School were inducted into the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford  
3 Sports Hall of Fame on February 16, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Since 1995, the H-E-B Sports Hall of Fame has paid  
5 tribute to individuals and teams who have made a positive impact in  
6 the community through sports-related endeavors; the hall was  
7 created to honor successful teams and athletes as well as  
8 officials, administrators, trainers, medical practitioners, media  
9 figures, and others who have distinguished themselves with their  
10 achievements; and

11 WHEREAS, The 1957 L. D. Bell baseball team won the district  
12 championship while playing in Conference 1A, and a year later the  
13 1958 team claimed the district crown against 2A competition; these  
14 triumphs represented the initial titles for the Blue Raiders in  
15 baseball and also marked the first time in school history that Bell  
16 teams collected back-to-back district championships in any sport;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The determined Bell High players who contributed to  
19 this achievement included Rodney McGrew, Al Eubanks, Tom Elliott,  
20 Don McRay, Jimmy Clowers, Ronald Clark, Marshall Baker, Charles  
21 Standard, Gerald Pope, Richard Clark, Kenneth Welch, H. C. Sibley,  
22 Robert Fugua, Pete Spradlin, Steve Runyon, Tommy Nesbit, Don  
23 Cowart, Jimmy Owens, Gene Birch, Reed Hogland, Edward Garnels, Jim  
24 Arnett, and Terry Howard; the teams were guided by head coach John

1 Polzi and benefited from the assistance of team managers Nelson  
2 Pope, Mike Conway, and Jack Haynes; and

3 WHEREAS, The standard of excellence set by the 1957 and 1958  
4 Blue Raiders baseball teams inspired numerous future athletes at  
5 Bell High School, and these squads are indeed deserving of this  
6 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the 1957 and 1958  
9 baseball teams of L. D. Bell High School on their induction into the  
10 Hurst-Euless-Bedford Sports Hall of Fame; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
12 for the former teammates as an expression of high regard by the  
13 Texas House of Representatives.