

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The basketball teams of Franklin High School and  
2 Coronado High School in El Paso performed an admirable act of  
3 generosity at a game held on February 12, 2013, that has won acclaim  
4 throughout the country; and

5           WHEREAS, For the Senior Night game held at Coronado High  
6 School, Coronado coach Peter Morales invited team manager Mitchell  
7 Marcus, a special-needs student in his fourth and final season with  
8 the Thunderbirds, to suit up against the rival Franklin Cougars;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, In the final minutes of the game, with the  
11 Thunderbirds in the lead, Coach Morales put Mr. Marcus into the  
12 game, and the crowd began to chant his name; after missing his first  
13 scoring attempts, only 13 seconds remained, and the Franklin  
14 Cougars had the ball, making it unlikely that Mr. Marcus would have  
15 another opportunity to score; and

16           WHEREAS, Just before the final buzzer, a guard on the  
17 opposing team, Franklin High's Jonathon Montanez, passed the ball  
18 to Mr. Marcus and encouraged him to shoot, telling him, "it's your  
19 time"; with one second left in the game, Mr. Marcus sank a basket,  
20 and the crowd rushed onto the floor to celebrate, carrying him off  
21 the court on their shoulders; and

22           WHEREAS, The gesture made by Mr. Montanez was videotaped and  
23 has received national attention, with sports commentators calling  
24 it "the play of the year"; and

1           WHEREAS, By putting their sports rivalry aside to help  
2 Mitchell Marcus achieve his moment in the spotlight, the Franklin  
3 Cougars and the Coronado Thunderbirds demonstrated the spirit of  
4 fellowship that is one of the finest hallmarks of athletic  
5 competition, and their actions serve as a positive example of  
6 goodwill that all can appreciate; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor the Franklin High School and Coronado High  
9 School basketball teams for their exceptional display of  
10 sportsmanship and extend to Jonathon Montanez, Mitchell Marcus,  
11 Coach Morales, and the players on both teams sincere best wishes for  
12 the future; and, be it further

13           RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
14 for the teams as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of  
15 Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1004

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1004 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House