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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.