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H.R. No. 1463

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Mitchell Marcus, a senior at Coronado High School in
2 El Paso, claimed his moment in the sports spotlight on February 12,
3 2013, when he hit a dramatic last-second shot for his school's
4 basketball team in a play that has thrilled sports fans throughout
5 the country; and

6 WHEREAS, For four years, Mr. Marcus has served as manager for
7 the Coronado Thunderbirds; a passionate fan of the sport, he is one
8 of the team's most loyal members and biggest supporters; and

9 WHEREAS, Before the final game of the regular season,
10 Coronado coach Peter Morales invited Mr. Marcus to suit up for the
11 senior night contest against the rival Franklin High School
12 Cougars; dressed in a Thunderbirds uniform for the first time, he
13 cheered as his team played well and held the lead for most of the
14 game; and

15 WHEREAS, In the final minutes of the fourth quarter, Coach
16 Morales put Mr. Marcus into the game, and the crowd began to chant
17 his name; the other Thunderbirds on the court were determined to
18 help him score a basket, but time was running out and the Cougars
19 had the ball with 13 seconds remaining; in a moment of exceptional
20 sportsmanship, Jonathon Montanez, a senior guard for Franklin High,
21 passed the ball to Mr. Marcus to give him another opportunity to put
22 points on the board; making the most of his chance, Mr. Marcus took
23 aim, and with one second left on the clock, his layup shot swished
24 through the net; when the buzzer sounded, the crowd rushed to

1 congratulate Mr. Marcus and carried him off the court on their
2 shoulders; and

3 WHEREAS, Both Mr. Marcus and Mr. Montanez have become known
4 across the country for their role in what sports commentators are
5 calling "the play of the year"; their story has been featured on
6 ESPN *SportsCenter* and the CBS national news, and the two young men
7 were guests on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*; moreover, Chris Paul, a
8 member of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers, flew Mr. Marcus, Mr.
9 Montanez, and their families to California to watch a game, and
10 while there, they met some of the league's top players; and

11 WHEREAS, Mitchell Marcus ended the 2013 basketball season
12 with two points, one rebound, one steal, and the opportunity to say
13 that he scored for the district champion Coronado Thunderbirds;
14 more than that, however, he ended his senior year on a high note,
15 experiencing a dream-come-true moment that he will fondly remember
16 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Mitchell Marcus for scoring an
19 exciting, last-second basket for the Coronado Thunderbirds and
20 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and
21 happiness; and, be it further

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