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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Baylor University men's basketball team brought
2 the 2012-2013 season to a triumphant close by winning the National
3 Invitation Tournament on April 4 at Madison Square Garden in New
4 York City; and

5 WHEREAS, After making a powerful opening statement with a
6 46-point trouncing of Long Beach State University in the first
7 round of the NIT, the Bears followed up with victories over Arizona
8 State University, Providence College, and Brigham Young University
9 to reach the title game; and

10 WHEREAS, Taking the floor against the University of Iowa,
11 Baylor was paced by the inspired performances of Cory Jefferson,
12 who scored 23 points, and Isaiah Austin, who tallied 15 points, 9
13 rebounds, and 5 blocked shots; in addition, tournament Most
14 Outstanding Player Pierre Jackson added to his impressive
15 achievements by ringing up 17 points and 10 assists as the Bears
16 walked away with a resounding 74-54 win to claim the school's first
17 NIT title; and

18 WHEREAS, Baylor excelled in the tournament and all season
19 long thanks to a team effort, with important contributions also
20 being made by the other members of the roster: Deuce Bello, Gary
21 Franklin, Rico Gathers, Brady Heslip, Logan Lowery, Jacob Neubert,
22 Taurean Prince, L. J. Rose, Chad Rykhoek, and A. J. Walton; and

23 WHEREAS, The Bears were ably guided by head coach Scott Drew
24 and assistant coaches Jerome Tang, Grant McCasland, and Paul Mills;

1 further support was provided by director of basketball operations
2 Tim Maloney, director of player development Jared Nuness, and
3 director of video operations Sam Patterson; and

4 WHEREAS, Baylor's success is not limited to stellar play on
5 the court; the team upholds a high standard of academic excellence,
6 and its 2012 student graduation rate was the highest of any
7 basketball team in the Big 12; and

8 WHEREAS, The fine showing by the Baylor Bears in the NIT has
9 been proudly celebrated by their many fans across the Lone Star
10 State, and the team may indeed reflect with pride on a job well
11 done; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Baylor University men's
14 basketball team on winning the 2013 National Invitation Tournament
15 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
16 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.