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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Douglass High School baseball team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the 2014 University Interscholastic
3 League 1A state championship on June 5 at the Dell Diamond in Round
4 Rock; and

5 WHEREAS, With their title-game triumph, the Indians closed
6 out an unforgettable year in which they lost just once while racking
7 up 32 victories; the Douglass players claimed the district
8 championship with a perfect 16-0 mark against their league foes
9 during the regular season and then battled their way to the state
10 tournament with playoff wins over Big Sandy, West Sabine, Harleton,
11 and Carlisle High Schools; and

12 WHEREAS, After dispatching Dawson High by a 9-0 score in the
13 semifinals, Douglass matched up against Flatonia with the state
14 title on the line; the Indians jumped out to a five-run lead through
15 four innings of play, and they pushed five more runs across the
16 plate in the bottom of the fifth to invoke the mercy rule and clinch
17 the 1A championship in a dominating 10-0 victory; the team's
18 offensive attack was paced by Kolten Rhoudes and Hunter Lee, who
19 each drove in three runs, while pitcher Matthew Wallace earned the
20 game's Most Valuable Player honor for holding Flatonia hitters to
21 just three hits over five shutout innings; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Rhoudes were selected for the
23 All-Tournament Team, and they were joined by Bryce Westbrook and
24 Grant Holland; excelling through teamwork, the Indians also

1 received valuable contributions throughout the season from the
2 other members of the roster: Logan Ammons, Cade James, Chase Dyson,
3 Clayton Sestak, Trenton Carrigan, Bryce McLeod, Taylor Schroeder,
4 John Sinz, Jake Spies, Brandon Stanfield, and Robert Campbell; and

5 WHEREAS, These dedicated players were ably guided by head
6 coach Eugene Lafitte and assistant coach Nick Freeman, under whose
7 guidance the Indians captured the school's first state championship
8 in any sport; moreover, the team's impressive performance during
9 2014 earned national attention, as Douglass was ranked 13th in the
10 United States among small high schools in a poll conducted by
11 MaxPreps; and

12 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
13 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
14 commitment to excellence, and the talented student-athletes of the
15 Indians baseball team may indeed reflect with pride on their
16 remarkable accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Douglass High School baseball
19 team on winning the 2014 UIL 1A state championship and extend to the
20 team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the
21 future; and, be it further

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