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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Brandon Belt has enjoyed a successful start to his
2 professional baseball career with the San Francisco Giants, and he
3 is indeed deserving of recognition for his achievements on the
4 diamond; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Nacogdoches, Mr. Belt graduated
6 from Hudson High School, where he was a standout on the Hornets
7 baseball squad; he played one season at San Jacinto College before
8 transferring to The University of Texas at Austin, and he excelled
9 for the Longhorns over the course of two years, earning
10 all-conference honors and helping the team to qualify for the 2009
11 College World Series; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Belt was selected by the Giants in the fifth
13 round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft; he honed his skills
14 in the minor leagues before making his major league debut on March
15 31, 2011, collecting a hit in his first at-bat; one of the
16 highlights of his young career came later that same year when he
17 recorded the final out of teammate Matt Cain's perfect game; and

18 WHEREAS, Returning to action in 2012, this talented athlete
19 played an instrumental role in the Giants' run to the postseason,
20 compiling a .275 batting average, 7 home runs, and 56 runs batted
21 in; after advancing through the playoffs, he and his teammates
22 dominated the Detroit Tigers in the World Series; Mr. Belt made a
23 key contribution by hitting an RBI triple to start the scoring in
24 the game four victory that clinched the title for San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, After a successful 2013 season in which he set new
2 personal bests for home runs and runs batted in, Mr. Belt entered
3 2014 with high hopes; injuries limited his playing time during the
4 regular season, but he returned to the lineup in time for the
5 playoffs; he blasted a dramatic, 18th-inning home run to win game
6 two of the Division Series against Washington, and his timely
7 hitting in the Fall Classic versus the Kansas City Royals helped
8 propel the Giants to their third World Series title in five years;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, With his hard work and exceptional ability, Brandon
11 Belt has become an integral part of one of the most successful teams
12 in the major leagues, and in so doing, he has furthered the Lone
13 Star State's reputation for athletic excellence; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Brandon Belt for his accomplishments in
17 Major League Baseball and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
18 future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mr. Belt as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.