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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Stars reached the pinnacle of success by
2 winning the 2014 Calder Cup Championship, securing the title with a
3 4-3 overtime victory in Game 5 of the American Hockey League Finals
4 on June 17; and

5 WHEREAS, The cup victory closed out an unforgettable year in
6 which the Stars won the AHL West Division and compiled a league-best
7 record of 48 wins, 18 losses, and 3 ties; entering the postseason as
8 the No. 1 seed, Texas quickly dispatched the Oklahoma City Barons
9 in a three-game sweep before defeating the Grand Rapids Griffins in
10 the Western Conference semifinals; the squad then took on the
11 Toronto Marlies in the conference finals, where they emerged
12 victorious after a hard-fought, seven-game series to earn a spot in
13 the Calder Cup Finals; and

14 WHEREAS, Facing off against the St. John's IceCaps, the Stars
15 won three of the first four games in the series, with exciting
16 overtime victories coming in Games 3 and 4; in the deciding contest,
17 Texas jumped out to a 2-0 lead early in the second period after
18 goals by Mike Hedden and Brett Ritchie; the IceCaps rallied to take
19 the lead in the third frame, but the Stars responded with a tying
20 goal to send the game into overtime; there, Texas goalkeeper
21 Cristopher Nilstorp kept the Stars alive with several key saves
22 before defenseman Patrik Nemeth clinched the championship with a
23 backhand shot into the goal with 5:30 remaining in overtime; and

24 WHEREAS, Under the skilled guidance of head coach Willie

1 Desjardins and with additional support from general manager Scott
2 White, the Stars benefited from clutch performances from each
3 member of the roster during the team's exemplary 2013-2014
4 campaign; in recognition of his exceptional efforts, Texas center
5 Travis Morin won the AHL most valuable player award as well as the
6 Calder Cup Playoffs MVP honor; moreover, left winger Curtis
7 McKenzie was honored for his impressive debut season with the Stars
8 by being named the winner of the league's outstanding rookie award;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, By capturing the first AHL championship in the
11 history of the franchise, the Texas Stars have won the hearts of
12 their many loyal fans in the Central Texas area and beyond, and the
13 team's players and staff may take great pride in their remarkable
14 accomplishments on the ice; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Stars on winning the 2014
17 AHL Calder Cup Championship and extend sincere best wishes to all
18 those who shared in the thrill of the team's title-winning season;
19 and, be it further

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