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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Tech University baseball team enjoyed an
2 exceptional 2014 season, reaching the NCAA Men's College World
3 Series for the first time; and

4 WHEREAS, The 2014 Red Raiders completed the biggest
5 turnaround season in program history, finishing the year with 45
6 wins, 19 more than the previous year; in the process, the team tied
7 the school record for home victories, including 16 in a row to wrap
8 up regular-season play, the longest such streak in the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, The Red Raiders' accomplishments during the regular
10 season earned the team a trip to Coral Gables, Florida, to compete
11 in the regional round of the NCAA Tournament; there, they defeated
12 Columbia University by a score of 3-2 and then bested the University
13 of Miami in a hard-fought three-game series to advance to the super
14 regionals; and

15 WHEREAS, Hosting the squad from the College of Charleston at
16 Rip Griffin Park in Lubbock, Tech benefited from a dominant Game 1
17 pitching performance from Chris Sadberry, who tossed a four-hit
18 shutout to lead Tech to a 1-0 victory; the team proved up to the task
19 once more in Game 2, as freshman Dylan Dusek threw five scoreless
20 innings and Adam Kirsch knocked in the game's only run to key a 1-0
21 triumph; the win clinched the school's first-ever berth in the
22 College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska, where they went on to
23 contend for college baseball's top prize; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout their run to Omaha, the Red Raiders

1 relied on the leadership and guidance of second-year head coach Tim
2 Tadlock; this esteemed mentor was recognized for his essential role
3 in the Raiders' resurgent 2014 campaign when he was named the Skip
4 Bertman National Coach of the Year by the National College Baseball
5 Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, Demonstrating tremendous skill and dedication, the
7 2014 Texas Tech baseball players established a new standard of
8 success for future Red Raider teams to aspire to, and they may
9 indeed reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Tech University baseball
12 team on its outstanding 2014 season and extend to the team's
13 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
14 achievement; and, be it further

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