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R E S O L U T I O N

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

5 WHEREAS, After capturing a share of the District 12-2A
6 regular season title, the Raiders began their march through the
7 postseason with consecutive two-game sweeps of S&S Consolidated and
8 Paradise High Schools to advance to the regional quarterfinals;
9 there, they split the first two games and then pulled out a
10 series-clinching 8-4 extra-innings victory over their district
11 rivals from Farmersville High School in Game 3; Sunnyvale
12 subsequently bested the squads from Hughes Springs and Grandview
13 High Schools to secure the program's debut trip to the state
14 tournament; and

15 WHEREAS, In the semifinals, the Raiders found themselves in a
16 hard-fought contest against East Bernard High School in which the
17 score was tied entering the final inning; Jose Castillo's squeeze
18 bunt scored Lawson Ayo to give Sunnyvale a 4-3 lead, and in the
19 bottom half of the inning, Wesley Phillips picked off a runner with
20 the bases loaded to send the Raiders to the championship contest in
21 dramatic fashion; and

22 WHEREAS, Matching up against Troy High School with the state
23 crown on the line, Sunnyvale benefited from exceptional
24 performances by Seth Metzger, who sparked the offense with a

1 three-run homer, and Nathan Hawkins, who struck out 11 opposing
2 hitters in a complete-game performance that earned him the Most
3 Valuable Player honor; when the final out was recorded, the team
4 captured the first state baseball title in school history with a
5 dominant 13-3 triumph; and

6 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Raiders also
7 received significant contributions throughout the season from the
8 other members of the roster: Matt Dotson, Zander Thompson, Evan
9 Adrian, Conner Mears, Ryan Cottingame, Brant Taylor, Joey Rosato,
10 Curt Fitzgerald, Cash Goodhart, Dawson Williams, Sam Shaver, and
11 Jake Wilcox; the players were ably guided by head coach Tim Arden
12 and assistant coach Brandon Kajihiro; and

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

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the Sunnyvale High School baseball
20 team on winning the 2014 UIL 2A state championship and extend to the
21 team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

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