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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the 1965 baseball team from Solomon M.
2 Coles High School in Corpus Christi are celebrating the 50th
3 anniversary of their state championship victory in 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, The Coles High Green Hornets entered the 1965 season
5 with high hopes after advancing all the way to the semifinals of the
6 state tournament the previous year; the squad recovered from a
7 mediocre 7-6 start, and as the regular season drew to a close, the
8 Green Hornets were winning consistently and were well positioned to
9 make a deep run in the Prairie View Interscholastic League state
10 playoffs; and

11 WHEREAS, Bolstered by a talented pitching staff, Coles High
12 began the postseason with a three-game series against district
13 rival Brenham Pickard High School; the teams split the first two
14 contests, but the Green Hornets proved their mettle in the deciding
15 game, pulling off a 5-4 extra-innings victory to claim the District
16 8-3A championship; the team then defeated Cypress-Fairbanks
17 Carverdale High School in a one-game playoff to secure its spot in
18 the state tournament; and

19 WHEREAS, Matching up against Waco Carver High School in the
20 semifinals, the Green Hornets were held scoreless in the first game
21 but responded with a comeback victory in Game 2 to keep their season
22 alive; the team ultimately fell to Carver in the final game of the
23 series, but it was later determined that their opponent had
24 competed with two ineligible players; Coles High was reinstated as

1 a result, and with their hopes for a state championship
2 resurrected, the players prepared for the PVIL 3A finale against
3 Gilmer Valley View High School; competing at Cabaniss Field, the
4 team jumped out to an early lead and cruised to a 9-2 victory in the
5 opening game of the series before clinching the state crown in a 4-1
6 victory in Game 2; in accomplishing this impressive feat, the Green
7 Hornets became the first high school baseball team from Corpus
8 Christi to capture a state championship; and

9 WHEREAS, The members of the 1965 team included Gates
10 Hardeman, James Randle, Johnny Elias, Robert Floyd, Jimmy Hall,
11 Preston Randle, Clarence Jefferson, Arnold Scott, Eddie Brooks,
12 Clem Adams, Thomas Walker, and Thelton Roberts; the players were
13 guided throughout the season by coach John Clay, who motivated them
14 to perform to their full potential, and vital support was also
15 provided by manager Jeff Lloyd; and

16 WHEREAS, In claiming the state title, the 1965 Coles Green
17 Hornets became a source of great pride in the Corpus Christi
18 community, and the 50th anniversary of that memorable season is
19 indeed a milestone worthy of commemoration; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the 1965 Solomon M.
22 Coles High School baseball team on the 50th anniversary of their
23 state championship victory and commend them for their memorable
24 achievement; and, be it further

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