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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The members of FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team
2 no. 11524 have distinguished themselves by advancing all the way to
3 the 2017 Super-Regional Championship Tournament in Athens,
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, FIRST Tech Challenge provides groups of middle and
6 high school students with opportunities to design, build, program,
7 and operate robots, while developing hands-on STEM skills; and

8 WHEREAS, Made up of homeschool students from the Gulf Coast
9 area, team no. 11524, also known as Team Name Wanted: Dead or Alive,
10 enjoyed great success in its rookie year of FTC competition; the
11 group earned numerous honors at the League Championship contest,
12 including first place in the Inspire Award and Control Award
13 categories, as well as second place in the Motivate and Think Awards
14 and third place in the Connect and PTC Design Awards; and

15 WHEREAS, The squad then moved on to the regional level,
16 receiving first place in Winning Alliance to punch its ticket to the
17 Super-Regional Championship, becoming one of only four
18 Houston-area groups and the only junior high homeschool team to
19 advance; there, these talented young Texans gave a fine showing,
20 ultimately ranking 22nd out of 36 teams in their division; and

21 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of head coach Tiffany Franke and
22 assistant coach Ericka Alexander, team no. 11524 consists of
23 Stephen Alexander, Benjamin Brown, Ty Franke, Toby Franke, and
24 Shawn Steakley; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their participation in this exciting and
2 demanding program, the members of team no. 11524 have demonstrated
3 exceptional skill and dedication, and they may indeed look forward
4 to a future bright with promise; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the team no. 11524 robotics squad
7 on an outstanding 2016-2017 season and extend to all those
8 associated with the team sincere best wishes for continued success;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the group as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.