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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An unforgettable moment in Texas sports history  
2 took place on November 1, 2017, when the Houston Astros won the  
3 World Series, becoming the first team from the Lone Star State to  
4 hoist the trophy as the champions of Major League Baseball; and

5           WHEREAS, After an exceptional regular season and victories in  
6 the Division and League Championship Series, Houston met the Los  
7 Angeles Dodgers in the Fall Classic; it proved one of the most  
8 exciting showdowns in recent World Series history, with the two  
9 clubs battling one another through seven hard-fought contests;  
10 Games 2 and 5 were particularly thrilling, filled with home runs and  
11 dramatic shifts in momentum, and in both cases, the Astros  
12 ultimately prevailed; finally, with the teams deadlocked at three  
13 wins apiece, Houston took charge early in the decisive Game 7 and  
14 earned the mantle of world champions with a 5-1 victory; and

15           WHEREAS, The team's run through the postseason was all the  
16 more special in that it provided a much-needed boost for residents  
17 of Houston and the Gulf Coast area, who were grappling with the  
18 immense destruction inflicted by Hurricane Harvey in late August  
19 2017; wearing jerseys emblazoned with a special "H Strong" patch,  
20 the Astros served as a source of inspiration for millions of Texans  
21 by overcoming all obstacles to achieve their championship goal; and

22           WHEREAS, A versatile ball club featuring a wealth of talented  
23 players, the 2017 Astros were put together by owner Jim Crane and  
24 general manager Jeff Luhnow, and the team was guided by manager

1 A. J. Hinch; while all members of the roster contributed to the  
2 title quest, several were recognized with prestigious honors for  
3 their superb play; José Altuve was named the American League Most  
4 Valuable Player for his season-long excellence, George Springer  
5 became the World Series MVP after smashing five home runs against  
6 the Dodgers, and pitcher Justin Verlander was selected as the  
7 League Championship Series MVP for his spectacular work in helping  
8 Houston clinch the AL pennant; the list of the other players who  
9 earned a special place in the hearts of the Astros faithful is too  
10 long to mention, but such indelible moments as Alex Bregman's  
11 game-winning hit in the 10th inning of Game 5 and Charlie Morton's  
12 lights-out pitching performance to finish off Los Angeles in Game 7  
13 will be cherished in the Lone Star State for decades to come; and

14 WHEREAS, In its finest moments, sports provides a means to  
15 bring people together; the Houston Astros' World Series triumph,  
16 coming in the wake of a devastating natural disaster, helped unite  
17 Texans while also furthering the state's proud legacy of athletic  
18 excellence, and all those associated with this achievement may  
19 reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the Houston Astros on winning the  
22 2017 Major League Baseball World Series and extend to the team's  
23 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued  
24 success; and, be it further

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