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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lufkin All-Stars baseball team continued its  
2 legacy of excellence by winning the USA championship at the 2018  
3 Junior League Baseball World Series in Taylor, Michigan; and

4           WHEREAS, Joining the other top U.S. and international teams  
5 who qualified for the event, the Fierce 14s dispatched their first  
6 three series opponents and then met the Manhattan Beach,  
7 California, squad in the August 18 semifinal contest to decide the  
8 USA title; Lufkin got off to a fast start, tallying a two-run homer  
9 in the first inning and adding runs in the second and third frames  
10 to take a commanding 4-0 lead; though Manhattan Beach scored twice  
11 in the fifth inning, the Texans added an insurance run in the  
12 seventh to emerge triumphant by a final score of 5-2; with the  
13 victory, the Fierce 14s captured their second consecutive USA crown  
14 and advanced to the Junior League World Series championship game;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Competing in the August 19 series finale, Lufkin  
17 faced off against the five-time defending champion Chinese Taipei  
18 team in an internationally televised showdown; the Fierce 14s  
19 turned in a valiant effort, battling Taipei to the final out before  
20 falling 2-0; Lufkin's 2018 World Series appearance closed out an  
21 unforgettable year during which the team also claimed the Section  
22 I, Texas East, and Southwest Tournament titles; and

23           WHEREAS, In winning yet another national title in World  
24 Series competition, the Lufkin All-Stars have furthered their

1 reputation as a Junior League powerhouse, and these talented  
2 athletes will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the  
3 rest of their lives; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Lufkin All-Stars baseball team  
6 on winning the USA championship at the 2018 Junior League Baseball  
7 World Series and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff  
8 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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