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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Tyler baseball team
2 closed out an unforgettable year in triumphant fashion by winning
3 the 2018 NCAA Division III championship on May 29 in Appleton,
4 Wisconsin; and

5 WHEREAS, A national title seemed a long shot for the unranked
6 Patriots following their semifinal loss in the American Southwest
7 Conference tournament, but under the direction of head coach Brent
8 Porche, UT Tyler capitalized on the at-large bid it received to the
9 NCAA tournament; the team went on to win the Central Regional
10 Tournament and earn a slot in the Division III championship
11 bracket; after defeating SUNY Oswego and Misericordia University,
12 the Patriots climbed to the elimination round, where they dropped
13 the first game to Randolph-Macon College and then rallied to take
14 the rematch and advance to the NCAA finale; and

15 WHEREAS, With the title on the line, UT Tyler faced off
16 against No. 6 Texas Lutheran University in the best-of-three
17 championship series; the Patriots dominated the opener, scoring two
18 runs in the first inning and adding five in the fourth frame to
19 surge to an 8-1 victory; demonstrating its tenacity throughout Game
20 Two, UT Tyler erased an early deficit and then broke the contest
21 open by scoring five runs in the seventh inning to prevail by a
22 final score of 9-6; with the win, the Patriots collected the first
23 championship in program history and also became the first American
24 Southwest Conference team to claim a national crown; and

1 WHEREAS, UT Tyler was led by Simon Sedillo, who pitched two
2 complete games in the NCAA tournament and was named the Most
3 Outstanding Player; moreover, Bowie Farris, Blake Maddox, Tanner
4 Roach, and Henry Sanchez were named to the All-Tournament Team; and

5 WHEREAS, Winning a national title represents the culmination
6 of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to
7 excellence, and the members of The University of Texas at Tyler
8 baseball team will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for
9 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at Tyler
12 Patriots on winning the 2018 NCAA Division III national
13 championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff
14 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.