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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Amarillo residents are celebrating the return of  
2 affiliated minor league baseball to the city after a 37-year  
3 absence as the Sod Poodles ball club makes its debut in April 2019;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, The new Double-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres,  
6 the Sod Poodles are the first Texas League team to call the city  
7 home since 1982, when the Amarillo Gold Sox completed a seven-year  
8 run, also as part of the Padres organization; and

9           WHEREAS, After launching their 2019 season at Corpus Christi  
10 on April 4, the Sod Poodles will christen their home ballpark,  
11 Hodgetown, during their April 8 home opener against the Midland  
12 RockHounds; located in downtown Amarillo, Hodgetown is a  
13 state-of-the-art baseball facility named for Jerry Hodge, who has  
14 played a leading role in getting the team established in the city;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, The Sod Poodles take their name from the term that  
17 Panhandle pioneers gave to prairie dogs, and the mascot was  
18 selected from more than 3,000 proposals in the franchise's "Name  
19 the Team" contest; the quick-draw and cowboy-hat-tipping Sod Poodle  
20 depicted on two of the official team logos illustrates Amarillo's  
21 can-do spirit and hospitality; moreover, the club's colors of  
22 Amarillo Yellow, Texas Red and Blue, and Route 66 Retro Blue  
23 symbolize the proud history of the region and the Lone Star State;  
24 the team is already generating such excitement among local

1 residents that there has been a call to make the Sod Poodle the  
2 state's unofficial Herbivorous Burrowing Rodent; and

3 WHEREAS, The return of affiliated minor league baseball to  
4 Amarillo marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the  
5 community, and it is indeed a pleasure to join all those associated  
6 with the Amarillo Sod Poodles in commemorating this momentous  
7 occasion; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Amarillo Sod Poodles on their  
10 inaugural 2019 season and extend to the team's players, coaches,  
11 and staff sincere best wishes for success this year and in seasons  
12 to come; and, be it further

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