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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Fernando Rodriguez Jr. has earned great distinction  
2 by becoming the first El Paso native to take the field for the El  
3 Paso Chihuahuas minor league baseball team; and

4 WHEREAS, This milestone comes five years after the Chihuahuas  
5 played their inaugural season in 2014; the ball club is a Triple-A  
6 affiliate of the San Diego Padres and competes in the Pacific Coast  
7 League; and

8 WHEREAS, Signed by the Padres on January 22, 2019, Fernie  
9 Rodriguez took part in the club's extended spring training program  
10 before joining the El Paso roster; the 34-year-old right-handed  
11 relief pitcher debuted with the Chihuahuas on April 9, striking out  
12 four batters in two scoreless innings of work at Tacoma; and

13 WHEREAS, A standout player at Franklin High School and El  
14 Paso Community College, Mr. Rodriguez was chosen by the Anaheim  
15 Angels in the 2003 draft; he went on to appear in a total of 216  
16 major league games with the Angels, Houston Astros, and Oakland  
17 Athletics, notching 242 strikeouts in 231.2 innings; he is working  
18 his way back to the big leagues after being sidelined by injuries in  
19 2017 and 2018; and

20 WHEREAS, Fernie Rodriguez has pursued his goals with  
21 remarkable drive and an enduring commitment to excellence, and he  
22 may take great pride in becoming the first hometown athlete to play  
23 for El Paso's minor league team; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Fernando Rodriguez Jr. on becoming  
2 the first native of El Paso to play for the El Paso Chihuahuas  
3 baseball team and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
4 success; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.