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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A milestone in the history of Angelo State
2 University athletics was realized in 2023 when the baseball team
3 secured its first NCAA Division II national championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Following an impressive performance during the
5 regular season, the Rams clinched their third straight Lone Star
6 Conference Tournament title for an automatic bid to the South
7 Central Regional Tournament; defeating Metropolitan State
8 University of Denver and The University of Texas at Tyler, Angelo
9 State moved on to the South Central Super Regional; after sweeping
10 Colorado Mesa University, the team advanced to the NCAA Division II
11 College World Series in Cary, North Carolina, for the third
12 consecutive year; and

13 WHEREAS, ASU opened the World Series with wins over Southern
14 New Hampshire University and North Greenville University; next, in
15 a pivotal rematch against SNHU, the Rams prevailed 5-3 to punch
16 their ticket to the Division II title game for the first time in
17 program history; and

18 WHEREAS, On June 10, Angelo State faced off against Rollins
19 College at the USA Baseball National Training Complex; the Rams
20 built a 6-2 lead over the first eight innings and then demonstrated
21 great resolve after the Tars rallied to pull within one run in the
22 ninth; with the bases loaded and the national crown on the line, ASU
23 claimed the title with a dramatic strikeout, triumphing by the
24 final score of 6-5; the Rams ended with an outstanding record of 56

1 victories and 9 losses, setting school and conference win records
2 while claiming the university's first national championship in
3 men's sports; and

4 WHEREAS, The Rams were led by World Series Most Valuable
5 Player Aaron Munson, who was joined by Kade Bragg, Justin Harris,
6 and Kamden Kelton on the All-Tournament Team; benefiting from the
7 able leadership of head coach Kevin Brooks and his staff, the team
8 also received valuable contributions from the other members of the
9 roster over the course of the year; and

10 WHEREAS, Playing with exceptional skill, determination, and
11 teamwork, the Angelo State Rams realized their season-long goal of
12 becoming national champions, and their achievement will forever be
13 a proud memory for the university's loyal fans throughout Texas and
14 beyond; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Angelo
17 State University baseball team on winning the 2023 NCAA Division II
18 national championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff
19 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the Rams as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.