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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Tyler softball team
2 furthered its proud tradition of success by winning the 2025 NCAA
3 Division II national championship; and

4 WHEREAS, After excelling during the regular season, UT Tyler
5 claimed the Lone Star Conference tournament title to secure an
6 automatic bid to the NCAA tournament; earning the No. 1 seed in the
7 South Central Regional, the Patriots bested Metropolitan State
8 University of Denver, Colorado Christian, and Oklahoma Christian
9 Universities in the regionals and West Texas A&M University in the
10 super regionals to punch their ticket to the College World Series
11 for the fourth straight year; and

12 WHEREAS, Joining the other regional champions in
13 Chattanooga, Tennessee, UT Tyler dispatched Western Washington and
14 Saginaw Valley State Universities to earn a place in the
15 best-of-three championship series against the University of Tampa;
16 the Patriots swept the finals, shutting out their opponent in the
17 opener 6-0 and 3-0 in the second and decisive contest; senior
18 pitcher Primrose Aholelei dominated on the mound for UT Tyler,
19 striking out 17 batters and allowing only two hits across 14 innings
20 in two complete-game performances; with the triumph, the Patriots
21 clinched the program's second consecutive NCAA Division II title
22 and third championship in nine years; and

23 WHEREAS, Honored as the Most Outstanding Player,
24 Ms. Aholelei joined JT Smith, Ka'Lyn Watson, Abbie Behe, and Taryn

1 Barney on the Division II All-Championship Team; the Patriots also
2 received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other
3 members of the roster: Brylee Adams, Alaunah Almaraz, Cera
4 Blanchard, Miia Campos, Gracie Cates, Kaylee Davis, Jordyn De Los
5 Santos, Hailey Fannin, Sam Garcia, Megan Geyer, Berlyn Grossman,
6 Trinity Hale, Kaylee Harris, Bailey Krolczyk, Angelique Rangel, Sam
7 Schott, Julissa Vasquez, and Keona Wells; the team is ably guided by
8 head coach Mike Reed, associate head coach Whitney Wyly, and
9 assistant coaches Dani Elder, Anthony Springer, and Shannon Klaus;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, By claiming back-to-back national championships,
12 the UT Tyler Patriots have burnished their reputation as a softball
13 powerhouse, and all those associated with the team may reflect with
14 pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
16 hereby congratulate The University of Texas at Tyler softball team
17 on winning the 2025 NCAA Division II national championship and
18 extend to all those associated with the squad sincere best wishes
19 for continued success; and, be it further

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