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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, In just its fifth season of competition, the softball team from The University of Texas at Tyler proved itself one of the finest in the nation, earning a spot in the 2009 NCAA Division III Softball College World Series; and

WHEREAS, Finishing the year with an overall record of 39 wins and 10 losses, the Patriots claimed the American Southwest Conference title and then continued their superb play in the postseason; in the West Regional tournament, UT Tyler twice bested No. 1-ranked Linfield College to become one of the eight teams to compete in the World Series tournament in Montclair, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional ball club received valuable contributions from all the members of the roster and saw two of its players, sophomore Whitney Wyly and senior Roo Richardson, become the first postseason All-Americans from UT Tyler; the squad was guided by head coach Mike Reed, with valuable input from assistant coaches Keith Bell, Christy Shipley-Gipson, Colby Gipson, and Kate Lightfield; and

WHEREAS, Through teamwork and determination, the Patriots softball team has furthered UT Tyler's admirable tradition of athletic excellence, and the players may reflect with tremendous pride on a memorable year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the softball team from The University of Texas at Tyler on its outstanding 2009 season and extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and staff for continued success; and, be it further

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