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Supervisor Pat Bates Recognizes South County Little League Team

Santa Ana – Supervisor Pat Bates, representing the Fifth District of Orange County, will present certificates of recognition to the two teenage coaches of the San Clemente Little League team that won the District 68 Junior American Tournament of Champions in improbable fashion.

Coaches Chris Puckett, 15, and Cameron Shelley, 14, guided their team of 12- to 14-year-olds, called San Clemente American No. 2, to three straight victories in the tournament at Beebe Park in Mission Viejo earlier this year.

The young coaches and their players were later featured on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America." The show dubbed the team "The Good News Bears."

The families also had inquiries from ESPN about appearing on "Plays of the Week," as well as from film producer David Klawans about possibly turning their tale into a movie.

"Theirs is an inspirational and heartwarming story," said Supervisor Bates. "I look forward to hopefully seeing it on the big screen someday."

The Supervisor will present the boys their certificates of recognition at tonight's meeting of the San Clemente City Council at 6:00 PM.

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