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**THS T-BOTS RECEIVE OVERALL 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE  
DURING FRC BAYOU REGIONAL**

**Texarkana, TX** – Texas High School T-BOTS (Tigers Building Outstanding Technology Systems) received an overall Seventh Place ranking and made it into the quarterfinals of the FIRST Robotics Competition Bayou Regional held in New Orleans, LA. Forty-nine teams participated in the annual event from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas.

Bringing to the competition their unique wooden linear lift known as the “Wooden Wonder” and the “Texas Toothpick”, team members were geared up for the 2012 game – Rebound Rumble. This year’s challenge offered contestants the opportunity to compete against other “Alliances” on a flat field. Each Alliance consisted of three robots that competed to score as many basketballs into their hoops as possible during a 2 minute and 15 second match. The higher the hoop in which the basketball was scored, the more points the Alliance received.

The THS T-BOTS were sponsored through funding from JC Penney and AEP Southwestern Electric Power Company.

FIRST was founded in 1989 to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication and leadership.

Team members for the Texas High School T-BOTS Robotics Team are: Cortlandt Bursey-Reece, Matthew Crawford, Celeste Dart, Selwin George, Kenneth Harris, Steven Jacob, Kasandra Langworthy, Brian Lee, Kendall Link, Jonathan Luna, Clay Miller, Ryan Peavy, Christian Pennington, Krista Petty, Logan Porter, Desiree Smith, Zierre Spencer, Caleb Strutton, Robert Tidwell, Alex Walker and Josh Whitehorn. Staff Mentors include: Brandon Burnett, Trent Hanna, Mark Patrick, Seth Schirmer and Nathan Upchurch.

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