

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team from Richardson High  
2 School enjoyed an outstanding 2020-2021 season, advancing to the  
3 semifinals of the 6A playoffs; and

4           WHEREAS, After losing only a single game in the regular  
5 season, the Eagles captured the District 7-6A title and carried  
6 their momentum into the playoffs; the team's exciting postseason  
7 run began with double-digit victories against Arlington Bowie,  
8 Lewisville Marcus, South Grand Prairie, and Northwest Nelson High  
9 Schools; and

10          WHEREAS, Richardson took the floor against Dallas Jesuit High  
11 in the regional finals on March 5; combining strong perimeter  
12 defense with sharp passing, the Eagles took a commanding 49-29 lead  
13 after tearing off an 18-6 run to open the third quarter; the  
14 Richardson players held Jesuit to 20 points in the second half and  
15 triumphed by a final score of 66-43 to reach the state tournament  
16 for the first time since 1987; in the semifinals, the Eagles gave  
17 their all in a tough battle against Duncanville High School but fell  
18 short, concluding the year with an impressive overall record of 26  
19 wins and just two losses; and

20          WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the Eagles received valuable  
21 contributions from each member of the roster: Jaylon Barnett, Tahje  
22 Thomas, Pharaoh Amadi, Rylan Griffen, Dequinton Williams, Trevion  
23 Howell, Charlie Gillette, Lorenzo Pearson, Rustan Griffen, Cason  
24 Wallace,     Derek Burns, and Gannon Parker; these determined

1 student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Kevin Lawson and  
2 assistant coaches Mike Bangs, Lee Asemota, and Marlon McCoy, and  
3 the team also benefited from the contributions of statistician  
4 Damone Dixon; and

5 WHEREAS, Demonstrating a combination of exceptional talent  
6 and fierce determination, the Richardson Eagles turned in an  
7 unforgettable performance during the 2020-2021 campaign, and their  
8 success is a source of great pride to their many supporters in the  
9 local community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Richardson High School boys'  
12 basketball team on advancing to the 6A semifinals of the 2021 UIL  
13 state tournament and extend to the team's players, coaches, and  
14 staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1769

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1769 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House