

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the San Benito High School chess team, which recently tied for sixth place at the United States Chess Federation's national championship tournament in Dallas; and

**WHEREAS**, The San Benito High School chess team experienced its biggest win ever during a rigorous three-day competition against 44 other teams in their division; the team was also ranked as Texas' best team in the "above average" group of high school chess players; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the last few months, these young men and women have participated in chess tournaments at regional, state, and national levels, improving with each game they played; under the leadership of their math and chess coach, Brian Powell, they have developed the skills which have allowed them to excel as a team; and

**WHEREAS**, Team members Abraham Amaya, Guadalupe Cantu, Marcus David Cruz, Bryan Fernandez, Jose Luis Garcia, Gabriel Garza, Christopher Gonzales, Richard Joshua Montalvo, and Ruben Perez have demonstrated superior talent and perseverance, and they deserve to be proud of their accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby commend the members of the San Benito High School chess team for their exceptional skills and extend congratulations to them for their admirable achievements at the United States Chess Federation's national championship tournament; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 3, 2004.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate