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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Rudy Tomjanovich has retired as head coach of the
2 Houston Rockets, having left an indelible mark in the annals of NBA
3 history during his remarkable 33-year career as player, scout,
4 broadcaster, assistant coach, and head coach of the team; and

5 WHEREAS, "Rudy T" was a consensus All-American at the
6 University of Michigan, and, as the 1970 NBA draft's second overall
7 pick, he played for 11 years with the Rockets; for his dominance as
8 a player, which included leading the team in scoring during the
9 1976-1977 season and helping to bring the franchise its first
10 divisional championship, this five-time NBA All-Star was
11 deservedly honored by the franchise when he became the first
12 Rockets player to have his jersey number retired; and

13 WHEREAS, After concluding his playing career in 1981, Coach
14 Tomjanovich ably served the Rockets as a scout for two years before
15 becoming an assistant coach in 1983; his selection as head coach in
16 1992 launched a stellar era of basketball excellence for the city of
17 Houston; and

18 WHEREAS, Assembling a talented cast of athletes and inspiring
19 them with exceptional leadership, Coach Tomjanovich twice gave
20 Rockets fans the ultimate taste of victory by winning the 1993-1994
21 and 1994-1995 NBA championships; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Tomjanovich tallied a 503-397 professional
23 record during his 12 years as head coach; he also led the 1998 USA
24 World Championship Team to a bronze medal in Athens, Greece, and

1 earned a gold medal as head coach of the USA Basketball Mens' Senior
2 National Team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; and

3 WHEREAS, A mentor to players and a favorite of fans, "Rudy T"
4 will forever hold a place of prestige among basketball's greatest
5 coaches, and he will undoubtedly continue to serve the franchise
6 with the same passion, commitment, and integrity he has
7 demonstrated throughout his long association with the Rockets; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby recognize the outstanding coaching career of Rudy
11 Tomjanovich and extend to him all the best in the years to come;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Coach Tomjanovich as an expression of high regard by
15 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.