

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Steve Francis of the Houston Rockets has been
2 selected as a starter for the Western Conference at the 2003 NBA
3 All-Star Game and this prestigious honor is indeed well deserved;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Since joining the NBA, Mr. Francis has confounded
6 opponents with his blazing quickness, outstanding shooting touch,
7 and deft ballhandling; these qualities are aptly demonstrated by
8 his per-game averages of 23 points, 6.3 rebounds, and 6.2 assists
9 during the 2002-2003 season; and

10 WHEREAS, Initially drafted by the Vancouver Grizzlies, Mr.
11 Francis came to the Houston Rockets organization in a trade and
12 immediately met or exceeded the lofty expectations that accompanied
13 him to the Bayou City, garnering NBA Co-Rookie of the Year in his
14 inaugural season; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Francis was also a star at the collegiate level
16 and was named second team All-American by the Associated Press and
17 first team All-Atlantic Coast Conference after his junior season at
18 the University of Maryland; and

19 WHEREAS, A truly extraordinary athlete, Steve Francis
20 continues to bring tremendous pleasure to hoops fans in the Houston
21 area and across the nation, and it is most appropriate that he
22 receive special legislative recognition at this time; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Steve Francis of the Houston
2 Rockets on being selected as a starter for the 2003 Western
3 Conference All-Stars and extend to him sincere best wishes for an
4 outstanding performance at the All-Star Game and continued success;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Francis as an expression of high regard by the
8 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 157

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 157 was adopted by the House on
February 6, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House