

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Houston Rockets rookie sensation Yao Ming has been
2 voted as the starting center for the Western Conference team in the
3 National Basketball Association All-Star Game to be played on
4 February 9, 2003, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, The number one pick in the 2002 NBA Draft, Yao Ming
6 is averaging 12.6 points, 7.9 rebounds, and 2.0 blocks per game in
7 his first season; the 7'5" rookie from China has quickly captured
8 the attention of basketball fans in Houston and around the world
9 with his incredible size and his indelible smile; and

10 WHEREAS, Yao Ming is the first rookie to be voted to the
11 starting lineup since Grant Hill in 1995 and the first Asian player
12 to be selected for the NBA midseason classic; and

13 WHEREAS, With an abundance of natural talent and an
14 irreproachable work ethic, Yao Ming has made giant strides during
15 his first season in the NBA, gaining the respect of teammates and
16 opponents alike, and he will undoubtedly represent himself, his
17 country, and his adopted hometown with dignity and honor at this
18 year's All-Star Game; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Yao Ming on his selection as a 2003
21 Western Conference All-Star starter and extend to him best wishes
22 for continued success in the season ahead; and, be it further

H.R. No. 158

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Yao Ming as an expression of high regard by the Texas
3 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 158

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 158 was adopted by the House on
February 6, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House