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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, March 2003 marks the First Annual Ellis Davis
2 Basketball Roast and Banquet and the 10th Annual Ellis Davis
3 Basketball Classic, and these events provide a fitting opportunity
4 to honor their namesake and one of Texas' finest high school
5 basketball coaches; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Davis holds a bachelor of science degree in
7 physical education from Bishop College and a master of education
8 degree from the University of North Texas; an army veteran, he began
9 his career as a physical education teacher and coach at the
10 elementary and middle school levels and went on to distinguish
11 himself at the high school level over the course of three decades of
12 employment with the Dallas Independent School District before his
13 retirement; and

14 WHEREAS, During his 23-year tenure with Roosevelt High
15 School, Coach Davis racked up an impressive 641 wins against only
16 128 losses; he led his Roosevelt High School team to the UIL Class
17 4A state title in 1972, making it the first Dallas team to earn a
18 championship after the UIL's desegregation, and his teams were
19 repeatedly ranked in the Top 10 throughout his career; and

20 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan is the deserving recipient
21 of numerous coaching honors, including induction into the Texas
22 Black Sports Hall of Fame and the Texas African American Coaches
23 Association Hall of Honor, as well as a nomination for national
24 Basketball Coach of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, The coach of three high school All-Americans and a
2 positive influence on countless young lives, Ellis Davis may
3 reflect with great pride on his storied career, which continues to
4 benefit others through the events that bear his name; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the First Annual Ellis Davis
8 Basketball Roast and Banquet and the 10th Annual Ellis Davis
9 Basketball Classic and honor Ellis Davis for his outstanding career
10 as a coach in the Dallas Independent School District; and, be it
11 further

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