

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School Eagles boys' basketball team
2 captured the Class 5A state championship on March 8, 2003, capping a
3 remarkable season with the ultimate achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, The Eagles defeated Corpus Christi Ray High School
5 94-73 at the Frank Erwin Center to earn the school's first state
6 basketball championship; guided by head coach Chris Dyer and
7 assistant coaches David Martinez and Kory McIver, the team romped
8 through the playoffs, beating a host of talented high school
9 basketball teams on its way to the championship; and

10 WHEREAS, After barely missing the playoffs in the 2001-2002
11 season, the Eagles entered this season determined to fully embrace
12 Coach Dyer's philosophy of selflessness and tenacious defense; the
13 efforts of this veteran team resulted in a remarkable 33-6 record
14 and possession of the coveted state title; and

15 WHEREAS, Team members include championship game MVP Dez
16 Willingham and fellow seniors James Williams, Will Gant, Barry
17 Williams, Chris Christian, Hampton Alexander, Charles Stoker, and
18 Trey Gilder; the team also relied on juniors Dwight Coleman,
19 Derrick Wilbourn, Rodney Jackson, and Gerad Coward, sophomore
20 Roderick Flemings, and freshmen Ronnie Morgan and Jermaine Beal;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, These outstanding student athletes can be
23 justifiably proud of their accomplishments on the basketball court,
24 for they have brought the DeSoto High School boys' basketball team

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1 its first state title and established a tradition of excellence for
2 future generations to follow; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the DeSoto High
5 School boys' basketball team and their coaches on winning the Class
6 5A state basketball championship and extend to them best wishes for
7 continued success in their future endeavors; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.

Davis of Dallas
Giddings

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 646 was adopted by the House on March 31, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House