

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of Texas men's basketball team joined
2 the ranks of the nation's elite by claiming a berth in the 2003 NCAA
3 Division I Final Four; and

4 WHEREAS, Having advanced to the "Sweet 16" in the 2002 NCAA
5 Tournament, the Longhorns focused their efforts throughout the
6 current season on returning to the tournament to better last year's
7 showing; after facing a brutal regular season schedule laced with
8 formidable Big 12 rivals and other top opponents, Texas emerged as
9 the No. 1 seed in the South Region when the NCAA Tournament brackets
10 were announced; and

11 WHEREAS, The Longhorns proved themselves worthy of their top
12 seed by being the only top-seeded team to advance to the Final Four;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The players in orange and white exhibited their
15 trademark mental toughness and determination by earning the
16 school's first Final Four appearance since 1947; and

17 WHEREAS, Paced by their superb floor general, T. J. Ford, who
18 was recently named 2003 Naismith College Basketball Male Player of
19 the Year, teammates James Thomas, Brandon Mouton, Kenton Paulino,
20 Sydmill Harris, Deginald Erskin, Jason Klotz, Brad Buckman, Terrell

1 Ross, Royal Ivey, Drew Gressett, Brian Boddicker, Chris Wright, and
2 Chris Ogden are united with him in their desire to make The
3 University of Texas men's basketball program one of the finest in
4 the country; and

5 WHEREAS, Head coach Rick Barnes, who has guided his Texas
6 team to the NCAA Tournament each of his five years at the Forty
7 Acres, is the architect of the Longhorns' championship dream; he
8 has instilled in his young charges an outstanding work ethic and
9 indomitable spirit that are a reflection of his own personality,
10 and he has been ably supported in his efforts by assistant coaches
11 Frank Haith, Russell Springmann, and Rodney Terry; and

12 WHEREAS, These remarkable student-athletes, with their
13 coaches and staff, have brought men's basketball at The University
14 of Texas to a level of prominence not seen in decades, and their
15 efforts are a source of tremendous pride to Longhorn fans
16 everywhere; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of The University of
19 Texas men's basketball team on earning a berth in the 2003 NCAA
20 Division I Men's Basketball Championship Final Four and extend to
21 them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the team members and coaching staff as an expression of
3 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Van Arsdale	Merritt
Wong	Baxter
Keel	Alonzo
Berman	Bohac
Branch	Brown of Brazos
Capelo	Castro
Cook of Colorado	Corte
Crownover	Dawson
Delisi	Denny
Driver	Edwards
Elkins	Farabee
Flynn	Garza
Guillen	Hamilton
Hartnett	Hilderbran
Hodge	Hupp
Jones of Bexar	Krusee
Luna	Madden
McCall	Menendez
Morrison	Naishtat
Raymond	Reyna
Riddle	Rodriguez
Rose	Solis
Smith of Tarrant	Solomons
Stick	Talton
Thompson	

Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Raymond
Chisum	Homer	Reyna
Christian	Hope	Riddle
Coleman	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Rodriguez
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rose
Corte	Hunter	Seaman
Crabb	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Delisi	Keel	Stick
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Driver	King	Taylor
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dunnam	Krusee	Thompson
Dutton	Kuempel	Truitt
Edwards	Laney	Turner
Eiland	Laubenberg	Uresti
Eissler	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Elkins	Luna	Villarreal
Ellis	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler
Geren	Mercer	

H.R. No. 691

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 691 was adopted by the House on April 3, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House