

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Rudy Tomjanovich, who has been with the Houston  
2 Rockets organization for 33 years, is retiring from his position as  
3 the team's head coach, and this provides a fitting opportunity to  
4 reflect on his singular contributions to the Rockets franchise; and

5           WHEREAS, A consensus All-American at the University of  
6 Michigan, Mr. Tomjanovich was drafted as the number two overall  
7 selection in the 1970 NBA Draft by the San Diego Rockets, and moved  
8 with the team to Houston for the 1971-1972 season; and

9           WHEREAS, "Rudy T." played for the Rockets for 11 years and was  
10 the team's leading scorer during the 1976-1977 season, which  
11 brought the franchise its first divisional championship; in  
12 addition, he was a five-time NBA All-Star and was the first Rockets  
13 player to have his jersey number retired; and

14           WHEREAS, When his playing days were behind him, this  
15 dedicated individual continued his association with the Rockets as  
16 a scout for two years and moved to the bench in 1983 to become an  
17 assistant coach; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Tomjanovich's nine years as an assistant made  
19 him the ideal choice for the head coaching job when it became  
20 available in 1992; during his 12 years at the helm, he guided the  
21 Rockets to a 503-397 record and took his team and city to the  
22 pinnacle of basketball success during the 1993-1994 and 1994-1995  
23 seasons, when Houston won back-to-back NBA championships; and

24           WHEREAS, Few players or coaches have given as much to a sports

1 franchise as Coach Tomjanovich has to the Houston Rockets; his name  
2 is forever linked with the team he loves, and it is most appropriate  
3 that he receive special legislative recognition as one of the best  
4 coaches in NBA history; now, therefore, be it

5         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Rudy Tomjanovich on his superb  
7 tenure as head coach of the Houston Rockets and extend to him  
8 sincere best wishes as he begins this new chapter in his life; and,  
9 be it further

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

Wong  
Woolley  
Turner  
Edwards  
Moreno of Harris  
Bohac  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1629 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House