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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Dallas Mavericks recently completed their  
2 highly successful 2002-2003 National Basketball Association season  
3 by winning their way to the Western Conference Finals, and the  
4 team's achievements signal a bright future for the franchise; and

5           WHEREAS, After completing the grueling regular season  
6 schedule, the Mavericks began their playoff run with a thrilling  
7 four games to three triumph over the Portland Trailblazers; Dallas  
8 was again pushed to a deciding game seven in the second round by the  
9 Sacramento Kings, but the team demonstrated true championship heart  
10 and earned a place in the Western Conference Finals; and

11           WHEREAS, The Mavericks faced an uphill battle in their final  
12 series of the season against the San Antonio Spurs after Dirk  
13 Nowitzki went down with an injury, but Dallas refused to go quietly,  
14 and extended the Spurs to six games before finally falling to their  
15 intrastate rival; and

16           WHEREAS, This memorable season was a result of total  
17 dedication to team goals by players Tariq Abdul-Wahad, Raja Bell,  
18 Shawn Bradley, Evan Eschmeyer, Michael Finley, Adrian Griffin, Raef  
19 LaFrentz, Eduardo Najera, Steve Nash, Dirk Nowitzki, Nick Van Exel,  
20 and Walt Williams; and

21           WHEREAS, Legendary head coach Don Nelson has worked  
22 relentlessly to mold this group of talented players into a  
23 championship-caliber team, and he has been ably supported in his  
24 efforts by assistant coaches Donn Nelson, Del Harris, Sidney

1 Moncrief, Charlie Parker, and Rolando Blackman, trainer Roger  
2 Hinds, and assistant trainer Steve Smith; and

3 WHEREAS, The Dallas Mavericks' thrilling exploits during the  
4 2002-2003 campaign are a source of tremendous pride to Mavericks  
5 fans, the city of Dallas, and the State of Texas, and it is most  
6 appropriate that the team receive special legislative recognition  
7 at this time; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the team members and coaching staff  
10 of the Dallas Mavericks on the team's truly exceptional season and  
11 extend to them sincere best wishes for future success; and, be it  
12 further

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