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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The San Antonio Spurs have brought yet another
2 basketball championship to the State of Texas, defeating the
3 Detroit Pistons in Game 7 of the NBA Finals by a score of 81-74 to
4 secure the team's second title in the past three seasons and third
5 in the past seven years; and

6 WHEREAS, Led by Finals MVP Tim Duncan, the Spurs demonstrated
7 grit and determination in their quest to capture the championship
8 trophy; a total team effort, the victory was the result of hard
9 work, dedication, and a commitment to teamwork and basketball
10 fundamentals, including the team's legendary defense; and

11 WHEREAS, The Spurs finished the regular season with an
12 impressive 59-23 record before knocking off Denver, Seattle, and
13 top-seeded Phoenix in the playoffs to advance to the championship
14 finals against Detroit; with the two teams tied going into Game 5,
15 the Spurs snatched a pivotal victory when veteran Robert Horry
16 nailed a three-pointer in the closing seconds of the game to put San
17 Antonio ahead in the series 3-2; and

18 WHEREAS, The resilient Pistons bounced back in Game 6,
19 showing the heart and desire expected of the defending champions,
20 but the Spurs' home-court advantage and superior play in the
21 deciding Game 7 proved too much to overcome; and

22 WHEREAS, One of only five NBA coaches who have won as many as
23 three titles, Coach Gregg Popovich worked with Spurs Chairman and
24 CEO Peter Holt and general manager R. C. Buford to put together a

1 talented team featuring young stars, established veterans, and
2 vital role players; moreover, the Spurs represent the changing face
3 of professional basketball with a core of international players
4 from around the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Members of the 2005 NBA Champion San Antonio Spurs
6 are Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, Tony Parker, Robert Horry, Nazr
7 Mohammed, Brent Barry, Bruce Bowen, Glenn Robinson, Beno Udrih,
8 Devin Brown, Rasho Nesterovic, and Tony Massenburg; the team's
9 top-notch staff includes assistant coaches P. J. Carlesimo, Mike
10 Budenholzer, Brett Brown, and Don Newman, strength and conditioning
11 coach Mike Brungardt, athletic trainer Will Sevensing, and assistant
12 trainer Joe Gutzwiller; and

13 WHEREAS, Winning a professional sports championship can have
14 a powerful and positive effect on a city and its residents, and the
15 San Antonio Spurs have made an important contribution to the
16 vibrancy and prominence of the Alamo City; through savvy
17 decision-making and myriad contributions to the community, the
18 Spurs organization exemplifies the characteristics of a model
19 sports franchise, and it is a pleasure to join in celebrating the
20 team's latest championship title; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the players,
23 coaches, staff, and owners of the San Antonio Spurs on winning the
24 2005 NBA Championship and extend best wishes to all those who shared
25 in the thrill of victory and supported the team throughout this
26 magical season; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the team, coaches, staff, and owners as an expression
2 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.