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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The varsity lacrosse squad of St. Mark's School of
2 Texas in Dallas enjoyed its finest season ever in 2006, finishing
3 the regular season undefeated and ranked number one in the Lone Star
4 State; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lions, who will play in the Lax.com National
6 Championship Tournament in New York in June, are ranked 27th in the
7 nation and are one of just 16 teams invited to compete in the
8 national championship tournament; and

9 WHEREAS, Averaging 13.2 goals per game, while holding
10 opponents to just 7.5 goals per game, the Lions scored impressive
11 victories over Highland Park and Episcopal School of Dallas during
12 the 2006 campaign; the team also had an opportunity to compete
13 against the nation's top team, the Boys' Latin School of Maryland,
14 in a competitive 18-11 match during its spring break visit to
15 Florida; and

16 WHEREAS, The team demonstrated remarkable courage by
17 overcoming the loss of all-state goalkeeper and beloved teammate
18 Brendan Court, whose memory helped drive the Lions to their third
19 consecutive SPC Championship and a sterling 14-1 overall record;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Team members include Holt Cutler, Kaleb Deslorieux,
22 Charlie Dorsaneo, Matthew Eberhart, George Jordan, Robert Neely,
23 Spencer Orenstein, Spencer Branch, Michael Bullard, David Gilberg,
24 Hawkins Golden, Luke Kline, George Lauinger, Hollis Meyer, Zach

1 Streit, Heath Townsend, Jett Aubrey, James Blair, Arthur Brousseau,
2 Mark Butler, Michael Chavez, Forest Compton, Florian Dhondt, John
3 Bryant, Chris Eubank, Stephen Friedberg, Charlie Goodman, Austin
4 Ham, Drew Nicholas, and Justin Utay; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Hayward Lee guided the team to great success
6 in 2006, and he was ably supported in the pursuit of excellence by
7 assistant coach Byron Lawson, trainer Doc Browning, athletic
8 director Mark Sullivan, and headmaster Arnie Holtberg; in addition,
9 Dr. Doug Turgeon, Josh Friesen, Ron Turner, the St. Mark's
10 maintenance staff, and team mom Carole Jordan contributed to the
11 team's notable achievements; and

12 WHEREAS, Several players received postseason accolades,
13 including all-state honorees Matthew Eberhart, George Jordan, and
14 Spencer Branch; all-district honorees Robert Neely, George
15 Lauinger, and Heath Townsend; and honorable mention all-district
16 honorees Holt Cutler, Charlie Dorsaneo, Kaleb Deslorieux, and
17 Hollis Meyer; in addition, Mr. Eberhart, Mr. Jordan, Mr. Neely,
18 Mr. Branch, and Mr. Meyer earned all-SPC recognition; and

19 WHEREAS, With the national tournament just a few weeks away,
20 the St. Mark's Lions are poised to extend their memorable season and
21 continue to make school history, and the members of this chamber are
22 proud to wish them well as they represent the Lone Star State in New
23 York this June; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
25 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Coach Hayward
26 Lee and the St. Mark's varsity lacrosse team on their outstanding
27 season and extend best wishes to the many individuals who

1 contributed to the team's success; and, be it further

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