

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Avery Johnson, head coach of the Dallas Mavericks,  
2 has been honored with the Red Auerbach Trophy as the NBA Coach of  
3 the Year for the 2005-2006 season; and

4           WHEREAS, In his first full season at the helm, Coach Johnson  
5 guided Dallas to a 60-22 mark, the third-best record in the league  
6 and tied for the best season in franchise history; the fastest coach  
7 in NBA history to collect 50 wins, Coach Johnson has led the  
8 Mavericks to a remarkable 76-24 regular-season record since taking  
9 over as head coach on March 19, 2005; and

10           WHEREAS, Retired as a player since October 28, 2004, Coach  
11 Johnson has made a seemingly seamless transition into the rarefied  
12 and supremely challenging fraternity of NBA coaching; this  
13 impressive evolution is not surprising given the high regard in  
14 which the former point guard was held for his on-court leadership  
15 and uncanny knowledge of the game, and he has indeed lived up to the  
16 expectations of his former teammates, coaches, and mentors; and

17           WHEREAS, Known as the "Little General" during his playing  
18 days, Coach Johnson transformed the Mavericks from an offensive  
19 juggernaut content to simply outscore its opponents to a unit also  
20 focused on defense and shutting down challengers; Dallas ranked in  
21 the top 10 in both scoring and points allowed this season, putting  
22 up 99.1 points per game and limiting opponents to a franchise-low  
23 93.1 points per game; and

24           WHEREAS, By placing an emphasis on defense while maintaining

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1 many facets of the team's high-powered offense, Coach Johnson  
2 placed his indelible imprint on the 2005-2006 Mavericks,  
3 successfully preparing his team for the unique challenges of  
4 postseason play and a run at the coveted NBA crown; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Avery Johnson  
8 on his selection as the 2005-2006 NBA Coach of the Year and extend  
9 best wishes to him for continued good fortune in this and future  
10 seasons; and, be it further

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

Davis of Dallas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 801 was adopted by the House on May 15, 2006, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House