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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

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.