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H.C.R. No. 142

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Baylor University Lady Bears basketball team has
2 completed a phenomenal season by winning the 2005 NCAA Women's
3 National Basketball Championship, and the players and coaches of
4 this superlative team are indeed deserving of special recognition
5 for this significant accomplishment; and

6 WHEREAS, The Lady Bears captured their first national title
7 by dominating a talented Michigan State team at the RCA Dome in
8 Indianapolis, Indiana; the Big 12 champions defeated the Spartans
9 by the score of 84-62, relying on brilliant guard play, unrelenting
10 defensive pressure, and timely and accurate 3-point shooting to win
11 the crown; and

12 WHEREAS, With their national championship triumph, the Lady
13 Bears completed the 2004-2005 season with a 20-game winning streak
14 and an impressive 33-3 record; the team's road to the championship
15 included a remarkable win over top-ranked Louisiana State
16 University that was highlighted by a memorable first-half comeback
17 and a refuse-to-lose attitude that carried the Lady Bears to
18 victory in the second half; and

19 WHEREAS, The Lady Bears have prospered under the direction of
20 head coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson, who has infused Baylor's
21 basketball program with great intensity during her five-year
22 tenure; she has been aided in her efforts by associate head coach
23 Bill Brock, assistant coaches Johnny Derrick and Jennifer Roberts,
24 and graduate assistant Mike Snauffer; and

1 WHEREAS, Members of the 2005 National Championship team
2 include starters Sophia Young, Chameka Scott, Chelsea Whitaker,
3 Abiola Wabara, and Steffanie Blackmon and reserves Emily Niemann,
4 Latoya Wyatt, Angela Tisdale, Melanie Hamerly, Chanelle Fox, Jordan
5 Davis, Monique Jones, Tiffanie Blackmon, Victoria Jones, and Chisa
6 Ononiwu; these young women demonstrated a commitment to teamwork on
7 both offense and defense throughout the season, combining their
8 remarkable skill and athleticism with an uncompromising work ethic
9 to produce a national championship team; and

10 WHEREAS, The Lady Bears and their coaches and staff have
11 created a tremendous surge of pride among members of the Baylor
12 University community and the citizens of Waco, and it is a pleasure
13 to honor them at this time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby congratulate Coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson and the Baylor Lady
16 Bears for winning the 2005 NCAA Women's National Basketball
17 Championship and extend best wishes to the many individuals who
18 contributed to this remarkable achievement; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives and Senate.