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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Paris Junior College men's basketball team
2 captured the 2005 National Junior College Athletic Association
3 championship, the school's first national title in basketball, and
4 this significant achievement is most deserving of special
5 legislative recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, After earning a berth in the national tournament by
7 winning the NJCAA Region XIV state tournament, the unranked Dragons
8 proceeded to string together several impressive victories on their
9 way to the championship title; and

10 WHEREAS, This talented team conquered Pratt Community
11 College in the first round before knocking off Highland Community
12 College in the quarterfinals; the Dragons then defeated
13 sixth-ranked College of Southern Idaho in the semifinals and
14 sixteenth-ranked Moberly Area Community College in the finals to
15 claim the championship crown; and

16 WHEREAS, Led by Coach Bill Foy, who schooled his team in
17 basketball fundamentals while emphasizing the importance of
18 teamwork and sportsmanship, the Dragons completed the season with a
19 28-9 record, setting a school record for victories in a season; he
20 was aided in his efforts by assistant coach Brad Enright and student
21 assistants Tyler Easthouse and Patrick Thompson; and

22 WHEREAS, Team members include tournament MVP Roderick Earls,
23 Alexander Starr, Lamar Searight, Donnell Franklyn, Rickey Quarles,
24 Charles Stoker, Jr., Michael Battle, Brian Burrell, Tyler Best,

1 Bobby Joshua, Joel Green, and Albert Reese; and

2 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship is a remarkable
3 accomplishment, and the memory of this victory will remain with
4 these talented student-athletes for years to come; their dedication
5 and commitment to excellence, both on the court and off, have earned
6 them the respect of family and friends alike, and their efforts have
7 brought great pride to the students, faculty, and staff of Paris
8 Junior College; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
10 hereby congratulate Coach Bill Foy and the Paris Junior College
11 Dragons for winning the 2005 NJCAA basketball championship and
12 extend best wishes to the many individuals who contributed to the
13 team's successful season; and, be it further

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