

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Van High School boys' basketball team has  
2 captured its first state title since 1942, winning the UIL 3A State  
3 Championship at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin on March 12, 2005;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, The Vandals defeated a tough and talented Graham  
6 High School team by a score of 62-41; relying on tenacious defense  
7 and timely shooting, the Vandals claimed the coveted championship  
8 crown in front of an excited crowd of enthusiastic fans; and

9           WHEREAS, Coach Jerry Cassell schooled the Vandals in hardwood  
10 fundamentals and emphasized the importance of teamwork and  
11 sportsmanship throughout the long season; he was ably supported in  
12 the performance of his duties by assistant coaches Jeff Hutchins,  
13 Rick Jones, Mike Cassell, and Dustin White, each of whom made a  
14 valuable contribution to the team's success; and

15           WHEREAS, The senior-laden squad includes championship game  
16 MVP Brandon Roberts, fellow seniors Grant McMillan, Kacey McCauley,  
17 Cory Foster, Beau Garland, Marcus Brown, Cody Huffman, Andrew  
18 Thompson, Kenny Ghormley, and Wade Mackey, juniors Dalvin Davis,  
19 Duncan McFarland, and Chris Gossett, and freshman Jermie Calhoun;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the culmination of  
22 countless hours of hard work and dedication to a common goal, and  
23 the memory of this accomplishment will remain with these young men  
24 and their coaches for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby congratulate Coach Jerry Cassell and the Van  
3   Vandals for winning the UIL 3A State Championship and extend best  
4   wishes to the many individuals who contributed to the team's  
5   success; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7   prepared for the team and its coaches as an expression of high  
8   regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 972

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 972 was adopted by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House