

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Head coach Chester Smith and the Wheatley High
2 School boys' basketball team defeated La Marque 81-68 in the Region
3 III-4A championship game to earn the school's ninth berth in the
4 state basketball championship in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, A Houston native and Texas Southern University
6 alumnus, Coach Smith has extensive coaching experience ranging from
7 varsity boys' basketball at Hitchcock High School to varsity girls'
8 basketball at Wheatley High School; with this ninth state
9 tournament appearance under Coach Smith, Wheatley High School
10 becomes the only Houston area high school to advance to the state
11 tournament in every decade since integration in the late 1960s; and

12 WHEREAS, During his career, Coach Smith has led his teams to
13 eight consecutive postseason appearances, three district
14 championships, four bi-district championships, two area
15 championships, and one regional semifinal appearance; his
16 impressive resume also includes two Coach of the Year awards and
17 five all-state players; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Smith has shared his experience with others
19 through his participation in the Texas High School Coaches
20 Association, Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, and the
21 National Federation of Houston Teachers; and

22 WHEREAS, Schooling his young charges in the finer points of
23 the game, while instilling in them the values of hard work,
24 dedication, and sportsmanship, Coach Smith has built an impressive

1 coaching legacy, securing his place in the annals of high school
2 sports in the Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Coach Chester Smith for leading the
5 Wheatley High School boys' basketball team to the state tournament
6 for the ninth time and extend to him and his players warmest best
7 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Coach Smith as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1293

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1293 was adopted by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House