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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of The University of Texas at El Paso
2 basketball program have distinguished themselves both on the
3 hardwood and in the classroom; and

4 WHEREAS, Academic All-WAC commendations were earned by four
5 UTEP basketball players; in order to be eligible for this
6 prestigious accolade, a student-athlete must have completed at
7 least one academic year while earning a minimum 3.2 GPA and playing
8 in at least 50 percent of the team's contests; and

9 WHEREAS, Receiving Academic All-WAC honors for the 2004-2005
10 athletic year were Thomas Gehrke, who earned a 3.44 GPA majoring in
11 kinesiology, Marta Dydek, who has a 3.42 GPA as a psychology major,
12 Ingrid Goslin, who tallied a 3.25 GPA studying psychology, and
13 Jonna Launiainen, who earned a 4.0 GPA majoring in business; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition, the men's basketball team has just
15 completed the second most successful two-year stretch in school
16 history; the team compiled a 51-15 overall record and went 27-9 in
17 WAC play, winning the 2004 regular season conference title and a
18 coveted NCAA tournament appearance in 2005; and

19 WHEREAS, Members of the men's team include Jason Williams,
20 Brent Murphy, Kelvin Davis, Giovanni St. Amant, Miguel Ayala,
21 Thomas Gehrke, Filiberto Rivera, Vernon Carr, Josh Gutierrez,
22 Stanley Branch, Omar Thomas, John Tofi, and Will Kimble; they were
23 ably led by first-year head coach Doc Sadler, whose 27 victories
24 this season make him the winningest first-year UTEP coach in

1 history, and he was ably supported by assistant coaches Ed
2 Custodio, Randall Dickey, and James Holland; and

3 WHEREAS, Director of basketball operations David Anwar may
4 take great pride in his basketball program, which has consistently
5 demonstrated a commitment to excellence that merits special
6 recognition; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby honor The University of Texas at El Paso
9 basketball program for a successful 2004-2005 season and extend to
10 director David Anwar, his coaches and staff, and all the
11 student-athletes best wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the UTEP basketball program as an expression of high
14 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.