

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely death of former NBA point guard and  
2 three-time champion Dennis Wayne Johnson on February 22, 2007, at  
3 the age of 52, has drawn to a close the life of a man who personified  
4 the word "winner" in his many accomplishments as a player and coach;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Perhaps best remembered for his pivotal role as an  
7 effective and efficient playmaker and top-notch defender with the  
8 Boston Celtics, "DJ" had successfully transitioned into scouting  
9 and coaching following a 14-year NBA career with Seattle, Phoenix,  
10 and Boston; at the time of his passing, he was coaching the Austin  
11 Toros, Boston's NBA Developmental League affiliate, and he had  
12 previously worked as an assistant coach for the Celtics and the Los  
13 Angeles Clippers; and

14           WHEREAS, A five-time NBA All-Star and nine-time selection to  
15 the NBA's All-Defensive team, Mr. Johnson retired in 1990 as only  
16 the 11th player in NBA history to record more than 15,000 points and  
17 5,000 assists; and

18           WHEREAS, During his 14 seasons as a player, Mr. Johnson took  
19 his teams to the playoffs 13 times; he guided the Seattle  
20 Supersonics to the NBA Championship in 1979, earning Finals MVP  
21 honors, and he won titles with Boston in 1984 and 1986; in 1991, he  
22 joined an elite group of players when the Boston Celtics  
23 organization retired his No. 3 jersey, a tribute reserved for a  
24 special class and caliber of player; and

1           WHEREAS, Dennis Johnson's impact on professional basketball  
2 was indeed profound, and he leaves behind a legacy that will be  
3 treasured by the many people he touched and inspired through his  
4 leadership, vision, and drive; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dennis Wayne Johnson  
7 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
8 wife, Donna; to his children, Dwayne, Denise, and Daniel; and to his  
9 relatives, friends, and many fans; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dennis  
13 Wayne Johnson.

Dukes

Craddick	Gattis	Miles
Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 798

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 798 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 28, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House