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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Islanders men's basketball team of Texas A&M
2 University-Corpus Christi has captured the hearts of Texas sports
3 fans by winning the 2007 Southland Conference Tournament on March
4 11 and earning a chance to play in the prestigious NCAA Division I
5 Championship; and

6 WHEREAS, This represents the team's first appearance in the
7 NCAA tournament, the riveting sports spectacle that is known to
8 fans as "the Big Dance"; the Islanders will now take their shot at
9 winning the national championship as they do battle with the best
10 college teams in the country; and

11 WHEREAS, In capturing the Southland title with their victory
12 over Northwestern State University, the Islanders fulfilled the
13 promise they have shown all season long; the team enters the NCAA
14 tournament with a record of 26 wins and just six losses and a
15 red-hot winning streak that has extended to six games; and

16 WHEREAS, Coming just eight years after Texas A&M
17 University-Corpus Christi fielded its first basketball team, this
18 achievement has sparked basketball fever among the university's
19 students, faculty, and alumni as well as the many other fans of this
20 thrilling team; and

21 WHEREAS, The Islanders basketball squad stands as an
22 inspiring example of the stellar results that can come from hard
23 work and spirited play, and the team's victorious season has
24 brought further acclaim to the proud sports tradition of the Lone

1 Star State; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate the men's basketball team of Texas
4 A&M University-Corpus Christi on winning the 2007 Southland
5 Conference Tournament and earning a berth in the NCAA Division I
6 Championship and extend best wishes to the players and coaches for
7 success in basketball's Big Dance; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for university president Flavius Killebrew, athletic
10 director Brian Teter, coach Ronnie Arrow, and each member of the
11 team as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of
12 Representatives.