

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University--Commerce women's  
2 basketball team took home its first Lone Star Conference title with  
3 an impressive victory over West Texas A&M University, earning a  
4 well-deserved automatic berth in the 2007 NCAA Division II South  
5 Central Regional tournament; and

6           WHEREAS, Led by head coach Denny Downing, the Lions  
7 demonstrated tenacity and grace under pressure as they toppled the  
8 nationally ranked West Texas A&M Lady Buffaloes by the score of  
9 81-71; the victory ended West Texas A&M's 14-game winning streak  
10 and avenged the A&M Commerce team's only home loss in 29 games over  
11 the last two seasons; and

12           WHEREAS, In their first-ever appearance in the Division II  
13 South Central Regional tournament, the Lions captured the regional  
14 title to advance to the Elite Eight; the team fell to Clayton State  
15 in the quarterfinal matchup, but concluded its best season to date;  
16 and

17           WHEREAS, The team's outstanding 28-9 season record, coupled  
18 with its recent home-court domination of opponents, is indicative  
19 of a team with a bright and promising future, and the memory of the  
20 2006-2007 season will remain with the team's players and fans for  
21 years to come; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Coach Denny Downing and the Texas  
24 A&M University--Commerce Lions on winning the 2007 Lone Star

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1 Conference basketball tournament and advancing to the Elite Eight  
2 in the 2007 NCAA Division II tournament, and extend best wishes to  
3 the many individuals who contributed to this success-filled season;  
4 and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1249 was adopted by the House on April 13, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House