RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Weslaco High School boys' basketball team completed the longest playoff run in school history during its 2006-2007 season, advancing to the UIL regional semifinals in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, The Panthers captured the bi-district, area, and regional quarterfinal championships en route to posting an impressive 33-5 season record, which included 14 wins and no losses in district play; and

WHEREAS, Head coach Gabe Valdez schooled his players in the importance of basketball fundamentals and teamwork; assistant coaches Zeke Rodriguez, Joe Yanez, Juan Cadena, Saul Garza, and Cruz Morales also made vital contributions to the team's success; and

WHEREAS, Team members include District $32-5 A$ most valuable player Uriel Segura, first-team all-district selections Francisco "Kiko" Rodriguez and Tommy Sotuyo, second-team all-district honoree Daniel Ryan, sophomore of the year Marcus Cabrera, and all-district honorable mention selections Eddie Cantu, Eli Gaona, and Pepe Cabrera; rounding out the team's roster are Josh Pemelton, Eric Villa, Israil Almazan, Joe Martinez, Anthony Martinez, Robert Trejo, and Pete Vega; and

WHEREAS, These talented student-athletes have gained the respect and admiration of their classmates and many fans in the Weslaco community, and their commitment to hard work in the pursuit of excellence will serve them well in all their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Weslaco High School boys' basketball team on its outstanding season and extend best wishes to the team's players and coaches for continued success; and, be it further

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

