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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Aransas Pass High School boys' basketball team ended its season with a thrilling playoff run that took the team all the way to the 3A semifinals of the University Interscholastic

4 League 2007 Boys Basketball State Championships; and

WHEREAS, The Panthers entered each of their postseason games as the underdog, but through excellent execution and an undeniable will to win, they triumphed in five successive games, winning a berth in the championship tournament in Austin; and

WHEREAS, This level of success seemed improbable five years ago, when many of the Aransas Pass players were part of the district's middle school team that won only two games in two seasons; hard work and dedication brought steady improvement during their high school years, however, until these determined athletes were able to hold their own against the finest players in the state; and

WHEREAS, The 2006-2007 campaign represented the final chapter in the high school careers of the Panthers' 10 seniors, and their spirited play in their farewell season spearheaded the team's magnificent stretch run; and

WHEREAS, Worthy representatives of their school and community, the Panthers played admirably throughout the playoffs, always believing in themselves and refusing to give up, and the team's clutch performances will long be remembered by its ardent fans; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' basketball team of Aransas Pass High School on reaching the semifinals of the UIL 2007 Boys Basketball State Championships and extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and staff for future success; and, be it further RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Coach Glen Hayes and each member of the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.