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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of second-year head coach Cynthia
2 Cooper-Dyke, the Prairie View A&M University women's basketball
3 team achieved many firsts during the 2006-2007 season, including
4 its first NCAA tournament appearance; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lady Panthers posted an impressive 14-4
6 conference record and finished with 19 wins and 14 losses overall to
7 claim the first winning season in the team's history; Prairie View
8 also earned a share of its first regular season conference title and
9 captured its first Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)
10 tournament championship during the 2006-2007 campaign; and

11 WHEREAS, In just two seasons, SWAC Co-Coach of the Year
12 Cynthia Cooper-Dyke has overseen a remarkable turnaround in the
13 women's basketball program, and with a core of talented young
14 players, she has the Lady Panthers poised for continued success;
15 formerly a professional head coach in the WNBA and a two-time league
16 MVP, Coach Cooper-Dyke has instilled a strong work ethic and
17 positive attitude within her players, and her contributions to the
18 team's achievements cannot be overstated; and

19 WHEREAS, Team members include Tanesha Barefield, Dominiquea
20 Holman, Chelsea Marshall, Giselle Price, Karessa Sauls, Eryn Scott,
21 Angel Smith, Shavonne Smith, Twila Stokes, Candice Thomas, Brittany
22 Walker, Dominique Warrior, Gaati Werema, and Krystal Williams; and

23 WHEREAS, Several of the Lady Panthers were recognized during
24 and after the season for their exemplary efforts on the hard court:

1 two-time newcomer of the week Candice Thomas was named MVP of the
2 2007 SWAC Tournament and was joined by three-time SWAC Player of the
3 Week and SWAC Freshman of the Year Gaati Werema on the
4 all-tournament team; junior guard Shavonne Smith was named to the
5 all-conference second team; and senior guard Angel Smith earned
6 selection to the 2007 SWAC All-Academic team; and

7 WHEREAS, Through their hard work and dedication to
8 excellence, Coach Cooper-Dyke and the Lady Panthers have had an
9 outstanding year, and their season of firsts will long be
10 remembered and celebrated by fans of the Prairie View A&M
11 University women's basketball team; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby honor Coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke and the Prairie
14 View A&M University women's basketball team on their achievements
15 and extend best wishes to them for the future; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Coach Cooper-Dyke and the team as an expression of high
18 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.