

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 2006-2007 chess team from The University of  
2 Texas at Dallas captured first place at the prestigious 7th Final  
3 Four Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship in Fort Worth on March  
4 24 and 25, 2007; and

5           WHEREAS, The UT Dallas chess team outmaneuvered rival teams  
6 from Duke University, Miami Dade College, and the University of  
7 Maryland, Baltimore County to claim the President's Cup; this win  
8 represents the third time that a UT Dallas team has won the  
9 tournament, which is held annually to determine the best college  
10 team in the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, Coached by international master Rade Milovanovic,  
12 the team defeated their closest rival by a margin of 5.5 points, the  
13 largest margin in the history of the tournament; in three rounds of  
14 play over two days, UT Dallas achieved a record of nine wins and  
15 three draws; this undefeated record gave them the all-time high  
16 score in the history of the Final Four; and

17           WHEREAS, The team's victory at the Final Four comes only  
18 months after it won the 2006 Pan American Intercollegiate Team  
19 Chess Championship, which draws the best college teams in the  
20 Americas; taking both tournaments together, the UT Dallas team has  
21 not lost in 60 games; and

22           WHEREAS, Members of the 2006-2007 UTD chess team include two  
23 grandmasters, arts and technology sophomore Alejandro Ramirez and  
24 computer science graduate student Magesh Chandran Panchanathan,

1 and four international masters, computer science junior Marko  
2 Zivanic, business administration junior Drasko Boskovic, senior  
3 finance major Dmitri Shneider, and business administration  
4 sophomore Davorin Kuljasevic; the tournament's Most Valuable  
5 Player award went to Mr. Boskovic, whose perfect 3-0 record gained  
6 him more points than any other competitor; and

7 WHEREAS, These outstanding chess players have also  
8 generously donated their time and considerable talents to school  
9 districts in Dallas and North Texas, providing chess instruction  
10 and assisting students in chess tournaments; and

11 WHEREAS, The UT Dallas chess team has demonstrated the  
12 requisite mental toughness and competitive excellence necessary to  
13 succeed not only in chess but also in the classroom, and it is  
14 fitting to pay tribute to its members at this time; now, therefore,  
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Coach Rade Milovanovic and The  
18 University of Texas at Dallas chess team for winning the Final Four  
19 Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship and extend to them sincere  
20 best wishes for their continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for the UT Dallas chess team as an expression of high  
23 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1926

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1926 was adopted by the House on May 18, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House