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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.