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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The chess team of The University of Texas at Dallas  
2 won top honors at the President's Cup chess tournament in  
3 Baltimore, Maryland, on April 6, 2008; and

4           WHEREAS, This prestigious competition is the chess  
5 equivalent of the NCAA Final Four basketball tournament and brings  
6 together the four top American teams as decided by the Pan American  
7 Intercollegiate Chess Championships, the other major collegiate  
8 chess competition; and

9           WHEREAS, A perennial powerhouse in the game, UT Dallas has  
10 won the Pan American tournament for the past two years, and its  
11 victory in the President's Cup was likewise its second consecutive  
12 win and fourth win overall in that contest; no other college team  
13 has ever garnered both titles for two years in a row; and

14           WHEREAS, Under the leadership of team coach Rade Milovanovic  
15 and chess program director Jim Stallings, the victorious UT Dallas  
16 squad was made up of Alejandro Alvarez Ramirez and Magesh  
17 Panchanathan, who are ranked at the grandmaster level, and Marko  
18 Zivanic, Davorin Kuljasevic, John Bartholomew, and Drasko  
19 Boskovic, who are international masters; and

20           WHEREAS, Every UT Dallas player won at least one match in the  
21 tournament in Baltimore, and Mr. Zivanic, a native of Serbia and a  
22 junior in computer science, earned a perfect score, winning all  
23 three of his matches; together, the team members triumphed over  
24 outstanding competitors from New York University and Miami Dade

1 College, as well as their archrival, the University of Maryland,  
2 Baltimore County; and

3 WHEREAS, This latest success for the remarkable UT Dallas  
4 players brings further credit to the university and to the State of  
5 Texas, and these hardworking, disciplined, and talented  
6 competitors may take great pride in their accomplishment; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at Dallas  
10 chess team on winning the 2008 President's Cup chess championship  
11 and extend to the members of the team sincere best wishes for  
12 continued success; and, be it further

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