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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Demonstrating outstanding skill and dedication, the  
2 DeSoto High School boys' basketball team captured the 2009  
3 University Interscholastic League 5A state championship on March  
4 15, 2009, by defeating the Cedar Hill Longhorns at the Frank Erwin  
5 Center in Austin; and

6           WHEREAS, This victory capped off an exceptional season for  
7 the Eagles, during which they notched 33 wins with only 8 losses and  
8 beat the previously undefeated Houston Strake Jesuit squad in the  
9 5A state tournament semifinals; the 2009 title is DeSoto's second  
10 in the past six years; and

11           WHEREAS, Guard Dominique Bennett led all scorers in the title  
12 game, tallying 21 points and shooting better than 50 percent from  
13 the field; in addition, forward Darius Terrell turned in a superb  
14 effort, racking up 11 points and 11 rebounds; and

15           WHEREAS, The memorable 2008-2009 season also included  
16 important contributions from the other members of the DeSoto  
17 roster: Andrew Ensley, Evan Washington, Derico Dandridge, Alex  
18 Wilson, Deon Pleasant, Gerodd Calahan, Derius Bolton, Antawn Space,  
19 Taylor Alexander, and Keith Davis; and

20           WHEREAS, Head coach Chris Dyer and assistants George Golden,  
21 Kory McIver, and Bill Barstow provided able guidance to the Eagles  
22 throughout the season, schooling the players in basketball  
23 fundamentals and inspiring them to reach their full potential; and

24           WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the

1 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an enduring  
2 commitment to excellence, and the talented student-athletes of the  
3 DeSoto basketball squad will carry the memory of this  
4 accomplishment with them for years to come; now, therefore, be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School boys'  
7 basketball team on winning the 2009 UIL 5A state championship and  
8 extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
9 continued success; and, be it further

10       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.