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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Stephen F. Austin State University men's
2 basketball team reached a new level of success during the 2008-2009
3 season by winning the Southland Conference Tournament and earning a
4 bid to the NCAA Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lumberjacks put together a conference record of
6 13 wins and just 3 losses to claim their second consecutive
7 Southland Conference regular season championship; entering the SLC
8 tournament as the number one seed, they bested Southeastern
9 Louisiana University and Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi to
10 earn a spot in the finals; and

11 WHEREAS, Facing off against The University of Texas at San
12 Antonio in that contest, SFA seized control in the first half and
13 posted a 68-57 win; it was the team's first SLC tournament crown
14 after two previous appearances in the title game; moreover, the
15 victory qualified the Lumberjacks for the NCAA Tournament, giving
16 them an opportunity to contend for the national championship; and

17 WHEREAS, In the opening round of the NCAA's "Big Dance," SFA
18 fell to No. 3-seeded Syracuse University, but the players and
19 coaches can be justifiably proud of their overall 24-8 record and
20 their placement among the nation's finest college squads; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout the 2008-2009 campaign, the Lumberjacks
22 received outstanding contributions from each member of the roster:
23 Josh Alexander, Eric Bell, Girod Adams, Eddie Williams, Walt
24 Harris, Zach Williams, Jarrod McDaniel, Benson Akpan, Nick Shaw,

1 Aaron Smith, Cameron James, Austin Falke, Preston Davis, Matt
2 Kingsley, and Jereal Scott; and

3 WHEREAS, These talented athletes received vital support from
4 SFA head coach Danny Kaspar, assistant head coach Brette Tanner,
5 assistant coaches Ulric Maligi and Doug Karleskint, and
6 administrative assistant Joe Richards; and

7 WHEREAS, With their exceptional performances on the court,
8 the Lumberjacks were a source of great pride and excitement for SFA
9 supporters, and this landmark season has focused well-deserved
10 attention on the university and its fine athletic program; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the men's basketball team of
14 Stephen F. Austin State University on its achievements during the
15 2008-2009 season and extend to the players, coaches, and staff
16 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.