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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' varsity basketball team from the Sam
2 Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center in Houston capped a
3 successful 2008-2009 season by qualifying for the University
4 Interscholastic League 5A playoffs; and

5 WHEREAS, This exciting achievement was made all the more
6 notable in that it coincided with the school's inaugural year of
7 implementing its new educational focus on math, science, and
8 technology; and

9 WHEREAS, Head coach Demarcus Peterson provided sound
10 guidance to his players and helped them to meet the challenges of a
11 demanding season; under his direction, the team battled its way to a
12 fourth place finish in District 20, thereby earning its playoff
13 berth; and

14 WHEREAS, Winning with a true team effort, the Tigers received
15 important contributions from the entire roster, and each player
16 deserves recognition for outstanding play and exemplary
17 dedication; and

18 WHEREAS, Leading the Sam Houston attack were three
19 individuals who earned all-district honors; guard Arthur Smith
20 averaged 21 points per game, was the sixth leading scorer in the
21 Houston area, and made the all-district first team, while point
22 guard Brian Elphage averaged 11 points and 7 assists per game and
23 was a second team all-district selection; moreover, forward
24 Marquise Christian led the Houston area in blocked shots and

1 rebounds and averaged 14 points a game, and he was named to the
2 all-district second team; and

3 WHEREAS, Though they ultimately fell to Kingwood High School
4 in the postseason, the Tigers may reflect proudly on a memorable
5 2008-2009 campaign; over the course of the year, the team developed
6 into a mature and accomplished group of athletes, and the lessons
7 they learned about teamwork and determination will serve them well
8 in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' varsity basketball team
11 from the Sam Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center on
12 qualifying for the UIL 5A playoffs and extend to the players,
13 coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
14 be it further

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