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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Legendary basketball star David Robinson of San
2 Antonio was deservedly selected for induction into the Naismith
3 Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame as part of its Enshrinement Class
4 of 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Following an outstanding college career playing for
6 the U.S. Naval Academy, Mr. Robinson spent 14 years with the San
7 Antonio Spurs, leading the team to two National Basketball
8 Association championships and establishing himself as one of the
9 dominant centers of his era; and

10 WHEREAS, David Maurice Robinson was born on August 6, 1965,
11 in Key West, Florida, and grew up in Virginia; he emerged as a
12 premier player during his years at Navy, becoming a two-time
13 All-American and winning the Naismith and Wooden Awards, which
14 honor the nation's top college player; and

15 WHEREAS, After two years of service in the U.S. Navy,
16 Mr. Robinson first donned his Spurs uniform in 1989; nicknamed "the
17 Admiral" for his naval background, he quickly demonstrated that he
18 was among the best in the NBA, claiming the Rookie of the Year honor
19 in 1990; in the seasons that followed, he went on to win league
20 titles for most rebounds, blocked shots, and points scored and was
21 the NBA Most Valuable Player for the 1994-1995 campaign; he also
22 proved his abilities in Olympic competition, winning a bronze medal
23 with the U.S. team in 1988 and gold medals in 1992 and 1996; and

24 WHEREAS, A respected leader among his Spurs teammates,

1 Mr. Robinson helped fellow superstar Tim Duncan adjust to the NBA
2 during his rookie season; working together, the "Twin Towers" made
3 San Antonio into a commanding team that won the NBA title in 1999
4 and again in 2003; the Admiral's professional career concluded with
5 a masterful performance in the deciding game of the 2003 finals, and
6 that memorable farewell will be forever cherished by Spurs fans;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, David Robinson's talent is well evidenced in the
9 impressive statistics he accrued over the course of his
10 professional tenure in basketball; during 14 NBA seasons, he
11 averaged 21.1 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 2.9 blocked shots per
12 game, and he accumulated a career total of 20,790 points; just as
13 importantly, he proved to be a decisive figure in the history of the
14 San Antonio Spurs, transforming a struggling franchise into a
15 basketball powerhouse while setting an example of leadership,
16 dedication, and selflessness to which others may aspire; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate David Robinson on his induction
20 into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and extend to him
21 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Robinson as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.