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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Under the outstanding leadership of eight-year head
2 coach Gary Blair, the Texas A&M University women's basketball team
3 made history by winning its first-ever NCAA national championship
4 on April 5, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Texas A&M finished the season with an impressive
6 33-5 record, the most wins in program history, including 13 wins and
7 only 3 defeats in Big 12 competition; in the NCAA Division I
8 Tournament, the Aggies beat number one seed Baylor in the Elite
9 Eight in Dallas and number one seed Stanford in the Final Four in
10 Indianapolis on their way to defeating Notre Dame in the national
11 championship game by a score of 76-70; and

12 WHEREAS, Several of the players achieved prestigious honors
13 for their efforts during the 2010-2011 season; senior Danielle
14 Adams became the first Texas A&M player to be named as an Associated
15 Press first team All-American and was also selected as a member of
16 the 2011 NCAA Division I State Farm Coaches' All-America Basketball
17 Team; in addition, senior Sydney Colson received an AP All-American
18 honorable mention, and junior Tyra White was recognized with an
19 honorable mention on the State Farm Coaches' All-America team; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Blair has won numerous coaching awards in the
21 course of his career and has become one of the most successful and
22 highly respected Division I coaches in the women's game today; he
23 completely turned around the Aggie women's basketball program
24 following his appointment as head coach in 2003, taking the team to

1 a record six straight NCAA tournaments and now capturing the 2011
2 national championship; and

3 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M coaching staff also includes associate
4 head coaches Vic Schaefer and Kelly Bond and assistant coach
5 Johnnie Harris; along with Coach Blair, they have represented
6 themselves and Texas A&M University admirably and with great
7 distinction and have inspired the members of the women's basketball
8 team to conduct themselves with honor and integrity, both on and off
9 the court; and

10 WHEREAS, In claiming the much-coveted championship trophy,
11 the Aggie women's basketball team has brought positive national
12 attention to Texas A&M University and to the Lone Star State as a
13 whole while also earning further admiration for women's athletics
14 at the university level and beyond; and

15 WHEREAS, The hard work and dedication to excellence
16 demonstrated by the 2010-2011 women's basketball team and its
17 coaches has led to a history-making year that will forever be
18 remembered and celebrated by Aggie students, alumni, educators, and
19 fans; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor head coach Gary Blair and the members of
22 the Texas A&M University women's basketball team on their
23 outstanding achievement of winning the NCAA Division I national
24 championship and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future;
25 and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for Coach Blair and the team as an expression of high

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1 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.