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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of Edward S. Marcus High
2 School in Flower Mound proved itself one of the finest squads in
3 Texas and the entire nation by claiming the 2010-2011 University
4 Interscholastic League 5A state championship with a victory in the
5 title game on March 12; and

6 WHEREAS, Playing before more than 13,000 fans at the Frank
7 Erwin Center in Austin, the Marauders beat Lakeview Centennial High
8 School 40-38 in a memorable and hard-fought battle that was not
9 decided until the final seconds of the game; Marcus Smart was named
10 the contest's most valuable player, and both he and Connor Taggart
11 were named to the all-tournament team; and

12 WHEREAS, With their final victory, the Marauders raised their
13 record to 38 wins and just 1 loss; in the end-of-season ratings
14 conducted by MaxPreps.com, Marcus was ranked as the number one
15 boys' basketball team in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, This outstanding season was a true team effort, with
17 each member of the roster making valuable contributions; in
18 addition to Mr. Smart and Mr. Taggart, the team includes Jordan
19 Johnson, Phillip Forte, A. J. Luckey, Austin Bianco, Jacob
20 VanNattan, Nick Banyard, Lucas Golding, and John Malone; and

21 WHEREAS, These determined athletes were guided by head coach
22 Danny Henderson and assistant coaches Kenny Boren and Fred Jones;
23 vital support was also provided by Marcus High School principal
24 Gary Shafferman and athletic coordinator Bryan Erwin; and

1 WHEREAS, Success at this level can only be achieved through a
2 combination of talent, dedication, and hard work, and all those
3 involved in the championship effort may take justifiable pride in a
4 job well done; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' basketball team of Marcus
7 High School on winning the 2010-2011 UIL 5A state championship and
8 on being named the number one team in the country and commend the
9 players and coaches for their fine work this season; and, be it
10 further

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