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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Dallas Mavericks will compete for the 2011 NBA  
2 championship after defeating the Oklahoma City Thunder in the  
3 Western Conference Finals; and

4           WHEREAS, Led by Dirk Nowitzki, who averaged more than 32  
5 points per game in the series, the Mavericks demonstrated great  
6 skill and determination in their quest to return to the NBA Finals  
7 for the first time since 2006; and

8           WHEREAS, The team's steely resolve was evident in its two  
9 stirring come-from-behind victories over the Thunder to close out  
10 the Western Conference Finals; in Game 4, Dallas trailed by 15  
11 points with 5:06 left to play but then rallied and eventually won  
12 the game in overtime; another rousing comeback followed in Game 5,  
13 as the Mavericks overcame a six-point deficit with 4:37 left on the  
14 clock to clinch the series with a 100-96 triumph; and

15           WHEREAS, Under the direction of head coach Rick Carlisle, the  
16 Mavericks finished the regular season with an impressive 57-25  
17 record, entering the playoffs as the Western Conference's  
18 third-seeded club; in the opening round, they defeated the Portland  
19 Trail Blazers in six games to advance to a semifinal-round matchup  
20 with the two-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers; the  
21 Mavericks swept that series in four consecutive games to reach the  
22 conference finals against Oklahoma City; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition to Mr. Nowitzki, the Mavericks roster  
24 includes J. J. Barea, Rodrigue Beaubois, Corey Brewer, Caron

1 Butler, Brian Cardinal, Tyson Chandler, Brendan Haywood, Dominique  
2 Jones, Jason Kidd, Ian Mahinmi, Shawn Marion, DeShawn Stevenson,  
3 Peja Stojakovic, and Jason Terry; and

4 WHEREAS, Winning a conference title is testament to the hard  
5 work and commitment to excellence that exemplify the Dallas  
6 Mavericks, and this talented group of competitors may indeed take  
7 great pride in this impressive accomplishment; now, therefore, be  
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Dallas Mavericks on winning the  
11 2011 NBA Western Conference Finals and extend to all those  
12 associated with the team sincere best wishes for success in  
13 defeating the Miami Heat and bringing the NBA championship trophy  
14 home to Dallas; and, 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.