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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former McLennan Community College player and NBA
2 great Vinnie Johnson is being inducted into the NJCAA Men's
3 Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as a member of the Class
4 of 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, An accomplished basketball player out of Franklin
6 D. Roosevelt High School in Brooklyn, New York, Vinnie Johnson
7 arrived at McLennan Community College in 1975; he became a star for
8 the Highlanders, earning All-American honors in each of his two
9 seasons at the school and leading his team to the NJCAA national
10 tournament in 1977; and

11 WHEREAS, For his final two years of college eligibility,
12 Mr. Johnson transferred to Baylor University, where he continued
13 his exceptional play; he was named an NCAA Second Team All-American
14 after an impressive junior campaign, and he repeated that feat the
15 following year while leading the Southwest Conference in scoring;
16 he ranks among the top scorers in school history, and he holds the
17 Baylor records for career scoring average and most points scored in
18 a single game with 50; and

19 WHEREAS, This gifted athlete was selected by the Seattle
20 Supersonics with the seventh overall pick in the 1979 NBA Draft, and
21 he quickly gained a reputation as one of the league's most tenacious
22 rebounding guards; traded to the Detroit Pistons in 1981, he became
23 a key member of the team's legendary "Bad Boys" lineup and earned
24 the nickname "Microwave" for his ability to come off the bench and

1 ignite the offense; widely considered one of the top sixth-man
2 players of his era, he helped lead the Pistons to an NBA
3 championship in 1989, and his last-second jumper in game five of the
4 1990 finals secured the franchise's second consecutive title; he
5 went on to spend one season with the San Antonio Spurs before
6 retiring from the game in 1992; his No. 15 jersey was retired by the
7 Pistons in 1994, in honor of his outstanding contributions to the
8 team; and

9 WHEREAS, Vinnie Johnson used his years at McLennan Community
10 College as a foundation for further success in the college and
11 professional ranks, and he is indeed a fitting recipient of this
12 prestigious hall of fame honor; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Vinnie Johnson on his induction
15 into the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame
16 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Johnson as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.