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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Matt Jones of DeSoto enjoyed an outstanding 2 sophomore season as a member of the Duke University men's 3 basketball team, helping the Blue Devils capture the 2014-2015 NCAA 4 Division I national championship; and

WHEREAS, The son of Mark and Arolynn Jones, Matt Jones was a 5 four-year letterman for the DeSoto High boys' basketball team; he 6 led the Eagles to an impressive 131-18 overall record during his 7 high school career, and he was selected to the 2013 McDonald's All 8 9 American West Team for his outstanding efforts on the hardwood; moreover, he competed in the Jordan Brand Classic as a member of the 10 11 West squad and was named to the MaxPreps All-American second team as 12 a junior; and

13 WHEREAS, Highly touted by a number of national recruiting 14 services, Mr. Jones ultimately chose to play for Duke University and legendary head coach Mike Krzyzewski; he saw action in 32 games 15 16 and started four contests as a freshman, displaying strong defensive instincts and providing important depth from the bench 17 throughout the year; he played an important role in Duke's 18 championship season, contributing valuable minutes and chipping in 19 20 offensively with six points per game as the Blue Devils reached the 21 Final Four; he scored seven points and tallied two steals and two 22 assists in the national semifinal against Michigan State 23 University, and he enjoyed another solid performance in the title game as the Blue Devils claimed the national title with a 68-63 24

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1 victory over the University of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, 2 Matt Jones has demonstrated the skill, determination, and perseverance that are the hallmarks 3 of successful athletes, and those qualities are sure to serve him well 4 5 in the years ahead; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Matt Jones on winning the 2014-2015 8 national championship as a member of the Duke University basketball 9 team and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued 10 achievement on and off the court; and, be it further

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