

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The chess team of The University of Texas at Dallas  
2 enjoyed an exceptional 2016-2017 season, advancing all the way to  
3 the 2017 President's Cup tournament, held in New York City on March  
4 25 and 26; and

5           WHEREAS, Known as the Final Four of collegiate chess, the  
6 President's Cup brings together the top chess teams in America to  
7 compete for the championship title; the Comets made an impressive  
8 showing at the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship  
9 in December 2016 to earn their 15th appearance in this prestigious  
10 tournament, where they ultimately capped off a memorable year with  
11 a fourth-place finish; and

12           WHEREAS, Representing UT Dallas at the President's Cup were  
13 grandmasters Gil Popilski, Denis Kadric, David Berczes, Holden  
14 Hernandez, Dani Raznikov, and Angel Arribas; each member of the  
15 roster greatly benefited from the able guidance of coach Rade  
16 Milovanovic, director Jim Stallings, and assistant director Luis  
17 Salinas; and

18           WHEREAS, Through considerable skill, hard work, and an  
19 unwavering determination to excel, these outstanding competitors  
20 have earned a place among the elite of collegiate chess, and they  
21 may indeed reflect with great pride on their many achievements;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at Dallas

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1 chess squad on advancing to the 2017 President's Cup and extend to  
2 all those associated with the team sincere best wishes for  
3 continued success; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1239 was adopted by the House on April 27, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House