

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of Thurgood Marshall High
2 School in Missouri City enjoyed an outstanding 2016-2017 season,
3 advancing all the way to the University Interscholastic League 5A
4 state championship game on March 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, After finishing as the runner-up in District 23-5A,
7 the Buffalos reeled off consecutive playoff victories over Houston
8 Sterling, Humble, Port Arthur Memorial, and Waco University High
9 Schools; in the regional finals, Marshall overwhelmed Manvel by a
10 score of 82-57, earning a place in the state tournament for the
11 first time in school history; and

12 WHEREAS, Taking the court for their semifinal contest against
13 Northwest High School, the Buffs continued their dominant play,
14 taking command of the game with a 13-0 scoring run in the second
15 quarter and going on to record an 82-59 win; that set up a
16 championship matchup with Mansfield Timberview High School in which
17 Marshall made a strong showing but ultimately fell short to bring
18 its season to a close; in recognition of their outstanding play,
19 senior guards Jabari Rice and Tajzmel Sherman earned spots on the
20 All-Tournament squad; and

21 WHEREAS, Marshall's achievements were the result of a true
22 team effort, and the Buffs also received valuable contributions
23 throughout the year from the other members of the roster: Ja'Markez
24 Christy, Daquazemarr Wyche, Peter Moton, Anthony Norman, Clayton

1 Ford, Dakota Thompson, Evan Cordones, Floyd Nzamba, Toby Martin,
2 Marcus Hopes, and John Walker III; the players were guided by head
3 coach Gary Nichols and assistant coaches Harvey Baker, Marcus Ebow,
4 Marcus Elder, Tristan Jones, and Stan Wilkins; and

5 WHEREAS, The talented student-athletes of the Marshall High
6 basketball team have demonstrated hard work and an unwavering
7 commitment to excellence, and they are a source of pride to their
8 classmates and their many supporters in the local community; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Thurgood Marshall High School
12 boys' basketball team on its success during the 2016-2017 season
13 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
14 wishes for the future; 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.

Reynolds

H.R. No. 2039

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2039 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House