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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.