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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of James Madison High  
2 School in Dallas closed out the 2016-2017 season in triumphant  
3 fashion by claiming the University Interscholastic League 3A state  
4 championship on March 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, The Trojans combined a strong defense with precision  
6 shooting to go undefeated in district play, and they compiled an  
7 overall season record of 28 wins and just 8 losses; during their  
8 impressive playoff run, they dispatched opponents from  
9 Scurry-Rosser, Van Alstyne, Edgewood, Mount Vernon, and Ponder High  
10 Schools before advancing to the state tournament, where they earned  
11 a dominant victory over Santa Rosa High School in the semifinals;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The score remained close throughout the hard-fought  
14 finale against Brock High School, but the Trojans overcame a  
15 halftime deficit and ultimately clinched a 42-36 win and the state  
16 crown; the victory was led by Patrick Terry, who was named the  
17 championship game's Most Valuable Player after tallying 18 points  
18 and 10 rebounds; Mr. Terry was joined on the All-Tournament Team by  
19 fellow Trojans JeMichael Bowens and Desmond Scott; and

20 WHEREAS, The squad also received valuable contributions  
21 throughout the season from the other members of the roster: Steven  
22 Bagley, Quintarius Johnson, Mekiyel Hill, Marvelle Wilson, Marcus  
23 Cobin-Hill, Jaylin Thibodeaux-Levels, Jamarus Elliot, Jacolby  
24 Sims, Dye'Shun King, Donyea Jefferson, Derrious Kinney, Deaudea

1 Choice, and Bakari Rabb; these talented student-athletes were ably  
2 guided by head coach Damon Barnett and assistant coaches James  
3 Spindle and Olivia Williams, and they further benefited from the  
4 support of athletic trainer Charles Kaiser, statistician Kriston  
5 Johnson, and managers Travion Jackson and De'Mondre Durrough; and

6       WHEREAS, Through a formidable combination of talent, skill,  
7 and hard work, the Dallas Madison Trojans realized their  
8 season-long goal of winning the state title, and the team and its  
9 coaches and staff may take justifiable pride in a job well done;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the James Madison High School boys'  
13 basketball team on winning the UIL 3A state championship and extend  
14 to all those associated with the team sincere best wishes for  
15 continued success; and, be it further

16       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
18 House of Representatives.