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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, By continuing his legendary career into a 21st year
2 with the Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki has set an NBA record for
3 the longest tenure with one team, and this milestone season offers a
4 welcome opportunity to salute his exceptional accomplishments in
5 professional basketball; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Nowitzki has played in more than 1,500 NBA
7 games, and with a total of over 31,400 points, he stands as the
8 sixth all-time leading scorer in NBA history; long recognized as
9 one of basketball's top performers, he achieved the rare
10 distinction of being selected to the All-NBA Team 12 years in a row,
11 and he played in his 14th All-Star Game in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Wurzburg, Germany, Mr. Nowitzki played
13 pro basketball in his home country as a teenager and gained the
14 attention of NBA scouts during a 1998 exhibition game in San
15 Antonio; selected by the Milwaukee Bucks with the ninth overall
16 pick in the NBA draft that same year, he was immediately traded to
17 Dallas; he led the Mavs to 53 victories in 2000-2001, sparking a run
18 of 11 consecutive seasons in which the team won at least 50 games;
19 after guiding Dallas to its inaugural NBA Finals appearance in
20 2006, he was honored as the league's MVP the following year,
21 becoming the first European player to receive that prestigious
22 accolade; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Nowitzki earned a special place in the hearts of
24 Texas sports fans in 2011, when he piloted the Mavs to their only

1 championship to date, and he was named the NBA Finals MVP for his
2 outstanding performance; a seven-foot-tall power forward whose
3 perimeter shooting has helped revolutionize the position, he is the
4 league's highest-scoring foreign-born player, and he has rewritten
5 the Mavericks' record book, becoming the team's all-time leader in
6 points, rebounds, blocked shots, minutes played, field goals,
7 three-pointers, and free throws; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognized for his selfless actions on and off the
9 court, Mr. Nowitzki has garnered the league's Twyman-Stokes
10 Teammate of the Year Award and the Magic Johnson Award; moreover, he
11 is a two-time recipient of the NBA Cares Community Assist Award, and
12 he oversees the Dirk Nowitzki Foundation, which funds charitable
13 initiatives focused on assisting children; and

14 WHEREAS, A superb athlete and a respected leader, Dirk
15 Nowitzki has distinguished himself as one of the NBA's all-time
16 greats, and his myriad achievements will continue to inspire
17 basketball fans across the Lone Star State and beyond for many years
18 to come; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Dirk Nowitzki on his exemplary
21 career in professional basketball and extend to him sincere best
22 wishes for the future; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for Mr. Nowitzki as an expression of high regard by the
25 Texas House of Representatives.