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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas Tech men's basketball program achieved a
2 new level of success during the 2018-2019 season, as the Red Raiders
3 advanced all the way to the NCAA Division I national championship
4 game; and

5 WHEREAS, In the course of an unforgettable season, the Texas
6 Tech players repeatedly surpassed expectations; with their
7 inspired play against their Big 12 foes, they earned a share of the
8 regular season conference title, claiming that trophy for the first
9 time ever; Tech was rewarded with an invitation to the "Big Dance"
10 of the NCAA tournament and embarked on a thrilling run that
11 electrified the Red Raider faithful; and

12 WHEREAS, After defeating Northern Kentucky and Buffalo,
13 Texas Tech upset the highly ranked Michigan and Gonzaga squads to
14 earn its first trip to the Final Four; in the semifinals, the Red
15 Raider defense demonstrated its trademark tenacity, leading the
16 team to a 61-51 win over Michigan State and setting the stage for
17 the title game showdown against Virginia; in that contest, the Tech
18 players gave their all through four hard-fought quarters and an
19 overtime period but saw their season come to an end just one win
20 short of the national championship; and

21 WHEREAS, The Red Raiders had numerous heroes during their
22 history-making campaign; Lubbock native Jarrett Culver was named
23 the Big 12 Player of the Year, and he and Matt Mooney earned spots on
24 the Final Four All-Tournament Team; valuable leadership was

1 provided by veteran players Norense Odiase, Brandone Francis, and
2 Tariq Owens, while sophomores Davide Moretti and Deshawn Corprew
3 and freshman Kyler Edwards were also key to Tech's success; the team
4 was guided by head coach Chris Beard, who was named the Associated
5 Press Men's College Basketball Coach of the Year and the Big 12
6 Coach of the Year for his outstanding efforts; and

7 WHEREAS, By proving itself one of the top teams in college
8 basketball, Texas Tech has furthered the Lone Star State's
9 reputation for sports excellence and ushered in an exciting new era
10 for Red Raider athletics, and its achievements are a source of great
11 pride for the university's students, alumni, and fans; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas Tech University men's
15 basketball team on advancing to the championship game of the 2019
16 NCAA Division I tournament and extend to the team's players,
17 coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the Red Raiders as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.