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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki retired from the
2 National Basketball Association on April 11, 2019, and this
3 occasion offers a welcome opportunity to salute his outstanding
4 accomplishments in the sport; and

5 WHEREAS, The 2018-2019 season was Mr. Nowitzki's 21st with
6 the Mavericks, which set an NBA record for the longest tenure with
7 one team; during his final campaign, he moved into sixth place on
8 the list of all-time leading scorers in NBA history, and when he
9 netted 20 points in his final game, he brought his career total to a
10 remarkable 31,560; his farewell year also saw him take the floor for
11 his 14th All-Star Game; and

12 WHEREAS, A native of Würzburg, Germany, this exceptional
13 athlete played pro basketball in his home country as a teenager and
14 first gained the attention of NBA scouts in 1998; after being
15 selected by the Milwaukee Bucks in the NBA draft that year, he was
16 immediately traded to Dallas; his presence helped transform the
17 franchise, and during 2000-2001, the Mavs recorded the first of
18 what would become 11 consecutive seasons in which they won 50 games
19 or more; in 2006, he helped the team make its debut in the NBA
20 Finals, and the next year he became the first European player to
21 receive the league's Most Valuable Player honor; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2011, Mr. Nowitzki earned a place in the pantheon
23 of legendary Texas sports heroes by leading the Mavs to the NBA
24 championship, and he was named the finals MVP for his extraordinary

1 performance; his elite position among Dallas players is also
2 reflected in the record books; he is the team's all-time leader in
3 points, rebounds, blocked shots, minutes played, field goals, and
4 three-pointers; and

5 WHEREAS, Selected to the All-NBA Team 12 years in a row,
6 Mr. Nowitzki's accolades also include the Twyman-Stokes Teammate
7 of the Year Award, which recognized his selfless play and
8 leadership, and the Magic Johnson Award, which honored his
9 cooperation with the media and the public; moreover, he is a
10 two-time recipient of the NBA Cares Community Assist Award, and he
11 oversees the Dirk Nowitzki Foundation, which funds charitable
12 initiatives related to children; and

13 WHEREAS, Over the course of more than two decades, Dirk
14 Nowitzki distinguished himself as one the NBA's finest players, and
15 the success he achieved as a member of the Dallas Mavericks will be
16 remembered and admired long into the future; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dirk Nowitzki on his retirement
19 from the NBA and commend him on his exemplary career in professional
20 basketball; and, be it further

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