HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Texas Tech men's basketball program achieved a 1 new level of success during the 2018-2019 season, as the Red Raiders 2 advanced all the way to the NCAA Division I national championship 3 4 game; and WHEREAS, In the course of an unforgettable season, the Texas 5 players repeatedly surpassed expectations; with their 6 inspired play against their Big 12 foes, they earned a share of the 7 regular season conference title, claiming that trophy for the first 8 time ever; Tech was rewarded with an invitation to the "Big Dance"

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10 of the NCAA tournament and embarked on a thrilling run that
11 electrified the Red Raider faithful; and

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

short of the national championship; and

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

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- 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
- RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 14 hereby congratulate the Texas Tech University men's basketball team
- 15 on advancing to the championship game of the 2019 NCAA Division I
- 16 tournament and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff
- 17 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 19 prepared for the Red Raiders as an expression of high regard by the
- 20 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 162 was adopted by the House on

April 26, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 162 was adopted by the Senate on

April 30, 2019, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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