

H. Res. 279

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 19, 2003.

Whereas, on June 15, 2003, the San Antonio Spurs won the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Championship best-of-seven series with an 88–77 victory over the New Jersey Nets;

Whereas the Spurs' victory over the Nets is their second NBA championship in five years;

Whereas this year's Spurs–Nets Finals is the first time two former American Basketball Association teams have played for the NBA Championship;

Whereas seven foot center David Robinson joined the Spurs in 1987, and Tim Duncan joined the team in 1997;

Whereas last night's match-up was the final game of David Robinson's 14-year career, and his 13 points, 17 rebounds, and two blocked shots will be remembered as his best performance of the season;

Whereas Tim Duncan's triple-double, (21 points, 20 rebounds, and ten assists), and his eight blocked shots will be remembered as one of the greatest individual efforts in Finals' history;

Whereas Tim Duncan won the regular season Most Valuable Player award for the second consecutive year, and he was

named the Finals Most Valuable Player following the Spurs victory;

Whereas Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich was awarded the Red Auerbach Trophy as the NBA Coach of the Year for the 2002–03 season; and

Whereas Gregg Popovich is the first Spurs coach in franchise history to win the Red Auerbach Trophy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the San Antonio Spurs and Coach of the Year Gregg Popovich for an unforgettable season of basketball excellence and for winning the 2003 National Basketball Association Championship.

Attest:

Clerk.