

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 894

Congratulating Avery Johnson for being named the 2006 NBA Coach of the Year and for leading the Dallas Mavericks to their first Western Conference Championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2006

Mr. JEFFERSON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Avery Johnson for being named the 2006 NBA Coach of the Year and for leading the Dallas Mavericks to their first Western Conference Championship.

Whereas Avery Johnson is a native of Louisiana;

Whereas as a student at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, Avery Johnson led the Purple Knights basketball team to a State championship in 1983 with a record of 35–0;

Whereas Avery Johnson was a star on the Southern University basketball team and led the Nation in assists during both his junior and senior years;

Whereas Avery Johnson still holds NCAA Division I records for the highest assist average in a season and the highest assist average in a college career;

Whereas Avery Johnson began playing in the NBA in 1988, as a member of the Seattle SuperSonics;

Whereas Avery Johnson joined the San Antonio Spurs in 1992, with whom he won an NBA championship in 1999;

Whereas Avery Johnson became head coach of the Dallas Mavericks in 2005 and reached 50 victories faster than any other coach in NBA history;

Whereas Coach Johnson won 66 of his first 82 games in the best coaching start in league history;

Whereas Coach Johnson is the only NBA coach to be named Coach of the Month twice in his first two months of coaching;

Whereas the Dallas Mavericks, under Coach Johnson's leadership, became the Western Conference Champions in 2006 for the first time in team history;

Whereas Coach Johnson was named the 2006 NBA Coach of the Year; and

Whereas Coach Johnson has inspired those around him: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates Avery Johnson for being named the 2006 NBA
- 3 Coach of the Year and for leading the Dallas Mavericks
- 4 to their first Western Conference Championship.

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