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Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Championship.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. CRUZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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RESOLUTION

Congratulating the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas the San Antonio Spurs (referred to in this preamble as the ''Spurs'') won their fifth National Basketball Association (referred to in this preamble as the ''NBA'') Championship in franchise history on Sunday, June 15, 2014, by defeating the Miami Heat with a score of 104-87 in the fifth game of the NBA Finals at the AT&T Center in San Antonio, Texas;

Whereas during the 2014 NBA playoffs, the Spurs defeated the Dallas Mavericks, Portland Trailblazers, Oklahoma City Thunder, and the Miami Heat;

Whereas the Spurs defeated the Miami Heat, in a rematch of the 2013 NBA Finals, to clinch their fourth title in less than a decade;

Whereas the San Antonio Spurs overcame an early 16-point deficit to finish the final series in a decisive fashion, winning by 17 points and securing the NBA championship in only 5 games;

Whereas during the 2014 postseason, the Spurs won more playoff games by 15 points or more than any team in NBA history;

Whereas the Spurs outscored opponents in the playoffs by 214 points and finished the NBA Finals with a plus 70 point differential, both of which are NBA records;

Whereas the Spurs have the highest field-goal percentage in NBA Finals history at 52.8 percent;

Whereas since its founding in 1967, the San Antonio Spurs franchise has won 5 world championships, 6 conference titles, and 20 division titles;

Whereas the 2013-2014 Spurs roster was comprised of players Jeff Ayres, Aron Baynes, Marco Belinelli, Matt Bonner, Austin Daye, Boris Diaw, Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobli, Danny Green, Damion James, Cory Joseph, Kawhi Leonard, Patty Mills, Tony Parker, and Tiago Splitter, all of whom contributed positively to the team's success;

Whereas, Kawhi Leonard was named the Most Valuable Player during the 2014 Finals, averaging 22 points and 10 rebounds for the San Antonio Spurs;

Whereas Tim Duncan broke the record previously held by Kareem Abdul-Jabar for most postseason minutes with 8,870 minutes and exceeded Earvin ''Magic'' Johnson's previous record for postseason double-doubles with 158;

Whereas Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, and Manu Ginobli have more playoff wins combined than any other 3 players on one team in NBA history;

Whereas Spurs Head Coach and 2014 NBA Coach of the Year Award Winner Gregg Popovich added to his growing list of accomplishments and impressive legacy by winning his fifth NBA championship;

Whereas Spurs Sports and Entertainment owner and Chief Executive Officer Peter Holt and General Manager R. C. Buford have built the Spurs into one of the most successful organizations in NBA history;

Whereas the Spurs coaching staff and management have shown a positive commitment to the franchise by successfully acquiring and maintaining a team of players dedicated to discipline, leadership, and achievement;

Whereas the Spurs serve the greater San Antonio community by promoting education and literacy, encouraging civic responsibility and engagement, and striving to enhance the quality of life for San Antonians and South Texans alike; and

Whereas the Spurs remain the pride and joy of the City of San Antonio: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the San Antonio Spurs for winning the 2014 National Basketball Association Finals;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the players, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2014 season;

(3) requests that the Secretary of the Senate prepare an enrolled version of this resolution for presentation to—

(A) the owner of San Antonio Spurs;

(B) the general manager for the San Antonio Spurs; and

(C) the head coach of the San Antonio Spurs.

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