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H. RES. 399

Congratulating Gregg Popovich, former Head Coach of the San Antonio Spurs and the winningest head coach in National Basketball Association history, on his retirement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2025

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating Gregg Popovich, former Head Coach of the San Antonio Spurs and the winningest head coach in National Basketball Association history, on his retirement.

Whereas, on May 2, 2025, Coach Popovich retired from his legendary career with the San Antonio Spurs, a franchise he helped lead and transform since joining in 1988;

Whereas, following a prior stint as an assistant coach with the Spurs, Coach Popovich returned to the organization as General Manager and Vice President of Basketball Operations in 1994, and in 1996, assumed the role of Head Coach—a position he held for 29 seasons;

Whereas Coach Popovich holds the record for the most wins of any head coach in National Basketball Association (NBA) history;

Whereas, during Coach Popovich's tenure, he led the Spurs to five NBA championships in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2014, and six Western Conference championships in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2013, and 2014;

Whereas Coach Popovich was named NBA Coach of the Year three times, in 2003, 2012, and 2014, and served as the NBA All-Star Game Head Coach four times, in 2005, 2011, 2013, and 2016;

Whereas Coach Popovich led the United States Men's Olympic Basketball Team to a gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics;

Whereas, in 2023, Coach Popovich was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in recognition of his unparalleled contributions to the game;

Whereas prior to Coach Popovich's coaching career, he graduated from the United States Air Force Academy and served five years of active duty in the United States Air Force, including a tour through Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union with the United States Armed Forces Basketball Team; and

Whereas Coach Popovich stated, "I'm forever grateful to the wonderful players, coaches, staff and fans who allowed me to serve them as the Spurs head coach and am excited for the opportunity to continue to support the organization, community and city that are so meaningful to me": Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) commends Gregg Popovich for his historic
2 and record-setting career in the National Basketball
3 Association, including five NBA championships and
4 the most coaching wins in league history;

5 (2) recognizes his lasting contributions not only
6 to the San Antonio Spurs organization but also to
7 the broader San Antonio community and the sport
8 of basketball;

9 (3) congratulates Coach Popovich on his retire-
10 ment and extends best wishes for continued success;
11 and

12 (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
13 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
14 to Gregg Popovich, President of Basketball Oper-
15 ations, San Antonio Spurs.

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