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**TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO HONOR UTA MOVIN' MAVS
WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TEAM APRIL 16**

On Wednesday, April 16, the Texas Legislature will honor The University of Texas at Arlington Wheelchair Movin' Mavs basketball team for their unprecedented fifth win as National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball champions.

The Movin' Mavs regained the national championship and the unprecedented win March 2 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

The Texas House will make a formal resolution honoring the team at 10 a.m. April 16, followed by a similar resolution in the Texas Senate at 11 a.m. State Sen. Mike Moncrief is sponsoring the resolution in the Senate.

"Sen. Moncrief is one of our biggest supporters," said Movin' Mavs Coach Jim Hayes who is also director of the UTA Office for Students with Disabilities.

"This is such an honor," Hayes said. "And isn't it good that the State of Texas treats its wheelchair teams as they do able-bodied teams."

In 1993, the UTA team won four consecutive national championships, and the team with UTA officials and supporters visited the White House to receive accolades from President Bill Clinton. The team was the first collegiate wheelchair team to be honored by the White House which regularly hosts able-bodied championship teams.

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