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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Duncanville High School boys' basketball team
2 once again proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the
3 2021 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship on
4 March 13 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, After dropping just one game in the regular season,
6 the Panthers entered the postseason on a wave of momentum and
7 dispatched Bryan, Garland Sachse, Mansfield, and Cypress Park High
8 Schools to reach the regional final; there, Duncanville avenged its
9 sole loss by besting top-ranked Waxahachie High 70-65 to punch its
10 ticket to the state tournament for the eighth time in program
11 history; the No. 2 Panthers then toppled No. 3 Richardson High
12 68-49 in the semifinals to advance to the championship contest; and

13 WHEREAS, Battling Austin Westlake for the crown, the Panthers
14 held a slim, three-point lead at the end of the third quarter but
15 erupted on offense in the final frame; they expanded their lead to
16 10 points down the stretch and drained a three-pointer at the buzzer
17 to close out a thrilling 66-53 victory; Duncanville celebrated the
18 school's fifth state championship and continued its perfect record
19 in state title games; moreover, the Panthers have not lost a playoff
20 matchup in three straight seasons; in addition to winning the 6A
21 championship in 2019, the team was scheduled to play in the 2020
22 state tournament before the event was cancelled due to the COVID-19
23 pandemic; and

24 WHEREAS, In the 2021 championship game, the Panthers were led

1 by Most Valuable Player Zhuric Phelps, who scored a game-high 27
2 points and joined Damon Nicholas and Juan Reyna on the 6A
3 All-Tournament Team; Duncanville also received valuable
4 contributions throughout the year from the other members of the
5 roster: Ronald Holland, C. J. Ford, Omari Abor, Caleb Jones, Rasaun
6 Collier, Aric Demings, Jackson Prince, Kaden Banks, Andre Kanu,
7 Colin Simmons, Davion Sykes, Cameron Barnes, and DeCannon Wickware;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, These talented student-athletes were ably guided by
10 head coach David Peavy, associate head coach Kevin Woods, and
11 assistant coaches Neiman Ford, Daniel Moore, Jay Cosme, and Charles
12 Hill; the team also received enthusiastic support from
13 superintendent Dr. Marc Smith, principal Michael McDonald,
14 athletic director Dwight Weaver, and assistant AD Rob McQuaid; and

15 WHEREAS, By accomplishing the rare feat of winning a fifth
16 state championship, the Duncanville Panthers have burnished their
17 reputation as a basketball powerhouse, and all those associated
18 with the team may reflect with pride on a job well done; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the Duncanville High School boys'
22 basketball team on winning the 2021 UIL 6A state championship and
23 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
24 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
27 House of Representatives.