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H.R. No. 453

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The girls' powerlifting team of Edcouch-Elsa High
2 School reached the pinnacle of success when it won the Texas High
3 School Women's Powerlifting Association 5A Division 1 state
4 championship on March 15, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Joining the top high school competitors in Texas at
6 the state meet in Corpus Christi, the Yellowjackets compiled 42
7 points, besting runner-up Sharyland Pioneer High School by 25
8 points; and

9 WHEREAS, The team was paced by three individual title
10 winners; Anabel Martinez triumphed in the 97-pound weight class by
11 lifting a total of 650 pounds, nearly 100 more than her closest
12 rival; Deena Flores claimed the gold in the 123-pound division by
13 hoisting 855 pounds, and Georgina Alaniz racked up 875 pounds to win
14 the 132-pound class; and

15 WHEREAS, The other Yellowjacket medal winners were Araylie
16 Garza at 181 pounds, Evelyn Garza at 220 pounds, and Aisha Garcia at
17 259+ pounds, each of whom finished second in their divisions, and
18 Zilah Velez, who finished third in the 97-pound class; also
19 contributing to the Edcouch-Elsa point total were Victoria Pena,
20 who brought home fourth place in the 259-pound division, and Mia
21 Gonzalez, who took fifth in the 165-pound weight class; in
22 addition, Amy Aguirre came in seventh at 148 pounds and Emma Garza
23 finished eighth at 198 pounds; and

24 WHEREAS, Excelling through hard work and determination, the

1 Yellowjacket lifters benefited from the leadership of the team's
2 coaches, Christian Navarro, Patrick Boutwell, Desiderio Robles,
3 and Teresa Gonzalez; and

4 WHEREAS, In proving themselves one of the finest powerlifting
5 teams in the Lone Star State in 2021, the Edcouch-Elsa
6 Yellowjackets have won the admiration of their many supporters in
7 the local community, and these talented competitors will forever
8 treasure their memories of this achievement; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Edcouch-Elsa High School
11 girls' powerlifting team on winning the 2021 THSWPA 5A Division 1
12 state championship and extend to all those associated with the team
13 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.