

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ella Strickland of Sunray High School achieved great  
2 distinction by winning the gold medal in the 2A pole vault at the  
3 2021 University Interscholastic League Track & Field State Meet;  
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5           WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school competitors in  
6 Texas at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on May 7, Ms. Strickland  
7 turned in an exceptional performance, not only winning the pole  
8 vault event but also setting a new 2A state record by clearing a  
9 height of 13 feet, 0.25 inches; in addition, she ran in the  
10 100-meter hurdles, finishing fourth; and

11           WHEREAS, Ms. Strickland's record-setting vault and state  
12 title are all the more impressive in that they bring a triumphant  
13 close to a challenging nine-month period in which she worked to  
14 rehabilitate her knee after suffering a serious injury requiring  
15 surgery; through perseverance and the able guidance of her father,  
16 Matt Strickland, who serves as the pole vault and hurdles coach at  
17 Sunray High, she regained her form and emerged as a champion; and

18           WHEREAS, By excelling in the state's premier showcase for  
19 high school track and field athletes, Ella Strickland has ably  
20 represented her school and community, and she will cherish her  
21 memories of this outstanding accomplishment for years to come; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Ella Strickland on her first-place

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1 finish in the 2A pole vault at the 2021 UIL Track & Field State Meet  
2 and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be  
3 it further

4         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Ms. Strickland as an expression of high regard by the  
6 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1599 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House