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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of Lake Highlands High
2 School closed out an unforgettable year by winning the 6A state
3 title at the 2023 University Interscholastic League Basketball
4 State Championships; and

5 WHEREAS, Lake Highlands began its journey to the title by
6 clinching the district crown with an unbeaten record against its
7 league rivals; the Wildcats then surged through the playoffs,
8 besting Arlington Bowie, Plano East, Arlington Martin, North
9 Crowley, and Byron Nelson High Schools to reach the state
10 tournament at the Alamodome in San Antonio; a 52-44 semifinals win
11 over DeSoto High allowed Lake Highlands to punch its ticket to the
12 finale for the first time since 1968; and

13 WHEREAS, The March 11 state title game pitted No. 1 Lake
14 Highlands against No. 2 Beaumont United High School, the 5A state
15 champion for the past two seasons; after trailing 31-27 at
16 halftime, the Wildcats turned up the offensive heat to lead by five
17 points entering the fourth quarter; Lake Highlands then
18 demonstrated its strength down the stretch, unleashing an 11-2 run
19 to seal the outcome; emerging victorious by the final score of
20 55-44, the Wildcats claimed the second basketball state
21 championship in school history and ended the year with a 24-game
22 winning streak; and

23 WHEREAS, Most Valuable Player Tre Johnson paced Lake
24 Highlands with a game-high 29 points, and he was joined by Samson

1 Aletan on the 6A All-Tournament Team; over the course of their
2 campaign, the Wildcats also received vital contributions from the
3 other members of the roster: Jaylen Washington, Ila Jehl, Khaleel
4 Thomas, Quinton Perkins, Warren Hamilton, Chidi Umeh, Logan
5 Strayhan, Jaire Williams, Ethan Davis, Beck Johnstone, Lewis
6 Racine, Issaiah Tate, and Elias Dement; these talented
7 student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Joe Duffield and
8 assistant coaches Richard Johnson, Zac Haug, Dominique Kirk, and
9 Tre Stewart; and

10 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
11 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
12 commitment to excellence, and the Lake Highlands Wildcats are a
13 source of great pride to their school and their many community
14 supporters; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Lake Highlands High School
17 boys' basketball team on winning the 2023 UIL 6A state championship
18 and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes
19 for continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.