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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The West Texas A&M University Lady Buffs proved
2 themselves one of the finest volleyball teams in the nation by
3 winning the 2022 NCAA Division II national championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Following an undefeated run in league play during
5 the regular season, the Lady Buffs claimed the Lone Star Conference
6 Tournament title and then embarked on their triumphant journey
7 through the Division II bracket; following wins in the first two
8 rounds, they defeated top-ranked Metropolitan State University of
9 Denver in the regional final to advance to the national tournament
10 in Seattle, Washington; there, WT bested Wingate University in the
11 Elite Eight and the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the
12 semifinals to punch its ticket to the national championship match
13 for the fifth time in program history; and

14 WHEREAS, On December 3, WT battled top-seeded Concordia
15 University, St. Paul for the national crown; the Lady Buffs won two
16 of the first three sets and then staged a fierce comeback in the
17 fourth and deciding game, erasing a 23-20 deficit to win by the
18 final score of 28-26; with the victory, WT earned its first national
19 championship since 1997 and the fourth overall; and

20 WHEREAS, The team was paced by Torrey Miller, the National
21 Tournament Most Valuable Player, who was joined by Bryli Contreras,
22 Abi Nash, and Kayla Elliott on the All-Tournament Team; throughout
23 the year, the Lady Buffs also received valuable contributions from
24 the other members of the roster: Emma Becker, Piper Warren, Ashlyn

1 Vinyard, Jaycee Adams, Taytum Stow, Ainsley Malis, Camy Jones,
2 Blair Moreland, Lindsey Bullard, Angelina Oliver, Ainsley
3 Meissner, Samantha Jordan, Katrina Johnson, Emma Patterson, Zahria
4 Parker, and Carly Evetts; and

5 WHEREAS, Head coach Kendra Potts was honored as the American
6 Volleyball Coaches Association Division II National Coach of the
7 Year; the team was further supported by associate head coach Casey
8 Shingler, the AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year, assistant
9 coach Brooke Alverson, athletic trainer Austin Feltner, and
10 volunteer assistant coach Jeremie Middleton; and

11 WHEREAS, Playing with exemplary skill, determination, and
12 teamwork, the Lady Buffs realized their season-long goal of
13 becoming national champions, and their achievement will forever be
14 a proud memory for the university's loyal fans throughout Texas and
15 beyond; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the West Texas A&M University
18 volleyball team on winning the 2022 NCAA Division II national
19 championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere
20 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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