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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Judson High School Unified Special Olympics team
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2023 Unified
3 Basketball University Interscholastic League state championship;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Competing on March 6 in San Antonio, Judson battled
6 for the state crown against the talented team from Huntsville High
7 School; the Rockets turned in an exceptional performance, emerging
8 triumphant by the final score of 33-24 to claim their inaugural
9 state title; and

10 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Rockets
11 received valuable contributions from each member of the roster;
12 these determined student-athletes benefit from the leadership of
13 head coach Amy Paul, an adaptive physical education teacher who
14 serves as the Judson Independent School District head of delegation
15 for Special Olympics; and

16 WHEREAS, Judson is in its second year of participation with
17 Unified Champion Schools, a UIL-sanctioned Special Olympics
18 program that works in partnership with the U.S. Department of
19 Education to promote inclusion and acceptance among students with
20 and without intellectual disabilities; moreover, the initiative
21 fosters the principles of respect, dignity, and unity while
22 empowering youth to create a supportive environment on campus; and

23 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
24 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering

1 commitment to excellence, and the Judson Rockets are a source of
2 great pride to their families, their school, and their many
3 supporters in the community; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Judson High School Unified
6 Special Olympics team on winning the 2023 Unified Basketball UIL
7 state championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff
8 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the Rockets as an expression of high regard by the
11 Texas House of Representatives.