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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team from Ellison High School  
2 in Killeen distinguished itself by advancing all the way to the  
3 University Interscholastic League 5A state championship game on  
4 March 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, In the course of an unforgettable year, Ellison lost  
6 just three games during the regular season and went 14-0 against its  
7 league rivals to claim the District 22-5A title; the Eagles then  
8 launched a thrilling playoff run, defeating Montgomery Lake Creek,  
9 Pflugerville Hendrickson, College Station A&M Consolidated, Port  
10 Arthur Memorial, and Fort Bend Marshall High Schools to earn the  
11 school's second trip to the state tournament and its first since  
12 1992; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 9, the Eagles met Mansfield Summit High  
14 School in a hard-fought semifinal battle; showing tremendous heart  
15 down the stretch, Ellison held off a late charge by Summit and  
16 triumphed 52-50 to reach the state finale; squaring off against  
17 Kimball High School in that contest, the Ellison players turned in a  
18 valiant effort but finished as the 5A runner-up, closing out the  
19 year with an outstanding final record of 38 wins and 4 losses; and

20 WHEREAS, Ellison was paced at state by All-Tournament  
21 selections Jamyron Keller and Ahziel McIver; the Eagles also  
22 received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other  
23 members of the roster: Kesean Garland, Ademola Oladipo, Deion Ware,  
24 Khristian Wilkerson, Kristopher White, Sean Parks, Jeremiah Jones,

1 Deric Jones, Darone Leakes, Rashad Jackson, and Isaac Green; these  
2 determined student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Alberto  
3 Jones and assistant coaches Chris Collins, Jay Hernandez, Charles  
4 Desmarais, Jermaine Gilliam, and Walter Prater; and

5 WHEREAS, With their exceptional skill and unwavering  
6 commitment to excellence, the Ellison Eagles have earned a place  
7 among the top high school basketball teams in Texas, and they are a  
8 source of tremendous pride to their classmates and their many  
9 supporters in the local community; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Ellison High School boys'  
12 basketball team on advancing to the 2023 UIL 5A state championship  
13 game and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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