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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The girls' soccer team from Celina High School once  
2 again proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the 2023  
3 University Interscholastic League 4A state title; and

4           WHEREAS, Entering the season as the defending state  
5 champions, the Bobcats took up where they left off, and over the  
6 course of the 2022-2023 campaign, they scored more than 200 goals  
7 while surrendering just 10; after posting an unblemished record  
8 during the regular schedule, the team began its playoff run with  
9 commanding wins over Nevada Community, Pinkston, Mabank,  
10 Jacksonville, and Anna High Schools to advance to the state  
11 tournament in Georgetown for the third consecutive year; in the  
12 semifinals against Boerne, Celina won by a score of 2-0 to claim a  
13 berth in the title game; and

14           WHEREAS, On April 13, Celina took the field against  
15 previously undefeated Stephenville High School with the state crown  
16 on the line; powered by their explosive offense, the Bobcats  
17 knocked in five goals before intermission and never looked back;  
18 the team ultimately triumphed 8-1 and set several Class 4A records  
19 in the process, including most goals and assists in a championship  
20 game; with the victory, Celina extended its winning streak to 50  
21 games and became the third girls' team in UIL history to finish a  
22 season with no losses and no ties on its record; and

23           WHEREAS, Championship Game Most Valuable Player Lexi Tuite  
24 set the state tournament mark for goals in the title match with

1 five, and she was joined on the 4A All-Tournament team by Brielle  
2 Buchanan, Kaitlyn Gustafson, and Mia Norman; the Bobcats also  
3 received valuable contributions from the other members of the  
4 roster: Emersen Norman, Sammy Quiroz, Claire Flowers, Makenna  
5 Brantley, Ryleigh Stifflemire, Hillary Torres, Ella Norman, Madi  
6 Vana, Grace Pritchard, Madison Hagenbrock, Camille Herbert,  
7 Whitney Howington, Alex Perez, Brookelyn Babb, Savanna Knowles,  
8 Ashland Stewart, Ashton Lowry, Ava Samuel, Olya Huffaker, and  
9 Charlie Schneider; these talented student-athletes were ably  
10 guided by head coach Alexander Adams and assistant coach Justin  
11 Prescott; and

12 WHEREAS, By winning back-to-back state championships, the  
13 Celina Bobcats have burnished the school's reputation as a  
14 powerhouse of the pitch, and this achievement will be fondly  
15 remembered for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Celina High School girls'  
18 soccer team on winning the 2023 UIL 4A state championship and extend  
19 to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
20 continued success; and, be it further

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