

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Catherine Shen of the Bellaire High School tennis  
2 team reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 6A girls'  
3 singles championship at the 2023 University Interscholastic League  
4 Tennis State Tournament; and

5           WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school players in Texas  
6 on April 25 and 26 in San Antonio, Ms. Shen delivered an exceptional  
7 performance; after a straight-sets quarterfinals decision over  
8 Ahona Chowdhury from The Woodlands High School, she prevailed in  
9 the semifinals against Chloe Zhang from Westlake High School in a  
10 another two-set contest, 6-3, 7-6(4); and

11           WHEREAS, In the 6A state championship match, Ms. Shen took  
12 the court against Ananya Sriniketh of Katy Tompkins High School;  
13 demonstrating an unwavering resolve, she triumphed 6-1, 6-2 to  
14 claim the coveted state title; and

15           WHEREAS, With the victory, Ms. Shen became the first student  
16 from the Houston Independent School District to win a tennis state  
17 crown since 1990; a freshman at DeBakey High School for Health  
18 Professions, she competes with the tennis team at Bellaire High and  
19 is poised for further athletic success in the years ahead; she is  
20 looking forward to studying law and medicine in college; and

21           WHEREAS, By excelling in the state's premier showcase for  
22 high school tennis players, Catherine Shen has become a source of  
23 great pride for her classmates and community, and she will cherish  
24 her memories of this outstanding accomplishment for years to come;

1 now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Catherine Shen on winning the 2023  
4 UIL 6A girls' singles tennis state championship and extend to her  
5 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for Ms. Shen as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.

A. Johnson of Harris

H.R. No. 1735

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1735 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House