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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.