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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The defending champion Gruver High School girls'
2 basketball team continued its exceptional performance during the
3 2022-2023 season, once again advancing all the way to the
4 University Interscholastic League 2A state title game; and

5 WHEREAS, After closing out the regular season with an 11-game
6 winning streak and claiming the district crown, the Lady Hounds
7 carried their momentum into the playoffs, besting Wheeler,
8 Floydada, Farwell, and New Home High Schools to reach the regional
9 final; there, with 14 seconds remaining, Gruver made a tip-in off a
10 missed three-point shot to defeat Panhandle High School 38-36,
11 punching the team's ticket to the state tournament for the fifth
12 time in school history; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 3, Gruver met Hearne High School in the 2A
14 semifinals at the San Antonio Alamodome; the Lady Hounds scored 18
15 points off of turnovers and sank 15 free throws to triumph 45-32,
16 earning a berth in the state final for the third time in the past
17 four years; in the title contest, the Gruver players gave their all
18 in a closely contested showdown with Lipan High School; though the
19 Lady Hounds finished as the 2A runner-up, their season-long
20 achievements burnished the team's proud tradition of success that
21 includes state championship victories in both 2020 and 2022; and

22 WHEREAS, Gruver was paced at state by 2A All-Tournament
23 selections Allie Sparks and Kimber Whitehead; the Lady Hounds also
24 received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other

1 members of the roster: Giselle Miranda, Alexa Quintana, Makenlei
2 Vasquez, Brenna Butler, Brooklyn Vasquez, Jaylee Lane, Maizie Kelp,
3 Kinley Callaway, Erin Merkel, and Hannon Lankford; these determined
4 student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Trent Lankford and
5 assistant coaches Jill Butler, Valerie Merkel, Steven Livingston,
6 and Scotty Hintergardt; and

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

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Gruver High School girls'
14 basketball team on advancing to the 2023 UIL 2A state championship
15 game and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best
16 wishes for the future; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Lady Hounds as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.