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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Dumas High School boys' and girls' wrestling
2 teams distinguished themselves with their exceptional performances
3 during the 2022-2023 season, furthering their city's strong
4 tradition of excellence in the sport; and

5 WHEREAS, In just their fourth year of competition, the Dumas
6 High girls' team added a new chapter to the rich legacy of the
7 school's wrestling program; at the Texas State 5A Dual
8 Championships in January, the Demonettes secured three dominant
9 wins against Azle, Lubbock, and Richmond Foster High Schools to
10 clinch the title; Berkley Funderburg was named Outstanding Wrestler
11 at the tournament, going 3-0 with two pins and a 2-0 decision in the
12 finals; the team also benefited from undefeated performances from
13 Elaina Morgan and Audi Pichardo and from wins by Emily Loya, Andrea
14 Aguirre, Ximena Giron, Angel Sanchez, Jolee Jones, Serese Guillen,
15 and Kennedy Purcell; and

16 WHEREAS, At the 2023 UIL Wrestling State Tournament, held on
17 February 17 and 18 at the Berry Center in Cypress, the Demonettes
18 captured the bronze medal in the 5A team competition; individually,
19 Ms. Jones received the silver medal in the 235-pound weight class,
20 and bronze medals were collected by Ms. Morgan in the 138-pound
21 division and Ms. Loya in the 126-pound division; throughout the
22 season, the squad was led by first-year head coach Chris Holzworth
23 and assistant coach Katie Ruiz; and

24 WHEREAS, The boys' team also excelled at the state meet,

1 finishing fourth among the 5A competitors; for the second year in a
2 row, individual state titles were won by Hunter Bogner in the
3 126-pound division and Bronson Baxter in the 150-pound division;
4 the Demons also tallied fourth place finishes from Daniel Acosta in
5 the 138-pound division and Jackson Moss in the 165-pound division;
6 Dumas was also represented at state by Brandon Smith at 132 pounds,
7 Ezven Venzor at 144 pounds, and Alberto Sanchez at 190 pounds; the
8 Demons were guided by head coach Sion King in his inaugural season
9 at the helm of the program; and

10 WHEREAS, Through their skill, hard work, and enduring
11 commitment to excellence, the Dumas Demons and Demonettes have once
12 again earned a place among the top wrestling teams in the Lone Star
13 State, and they are a source of tremendous pride to their classmates
14 and their many supporters in the local community; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Dumas High School boys' and
18 girls' wrestling teams on their success during the 2022-2023 season
19 and extend to the athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes
20 for the future; and, be it further

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