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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Proudly representing its community throughout the 2 2022-2023 season, the Booker T. Washington High School boys' 3 basketball team distinguished itself by advancing all the way to 4 the University Interscholastic League 4A state championship game on 5 March 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

6 WHEREAS, The Golden Eagles enjoyed a stellar regular season, 7 compiling a 15-1 record against their league rivals and claiming the District 21-4A crown; they continued to excel in the playoffs, 8 dispatching Taylor, Gatesville, Houston Yates, and Center High 9 Schools to reach the regional final; there, the team defeated 10 Silsbee High 78-70 and punched its ticket to the state semifinals 11 12 for the first time since 1952, when the school was a member of the Prairie View Interscholastic League; and 13

14 WHEREAS, Opening the state tournament against Boerne High School, the Golden Eagles rallied from a one-point halftime deficit 15 to triumph by a final score of 75-69 and earn a berth in the finals; 16 the Washington players made a strong showing in the title contest 17 against defending state champion Oak Cliff Faith Family Academy but 18 ultimately finished as the 4A runner-up, concluding their 19 unforgettable season with an overall record of 29 wins and 8 losses; 20 21 and

22 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Golden Eagles 23 received valuable contributions throughout the year from each 24 member of the roster, and these talented and hardworking athletes

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1 benefited from the guidance of head coach Vincent Grayson and his
2 staff; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of the Booker T. Washington Golden 4 Eagles basketball team have demonstrated exceptional dedication 5 and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and they are a source of 6 great pride to their school and to their many loyal supporters in 7 the local area; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas 9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Booker T. Washington High 10 School boys' basketball team on advancing to the 2023 UIL 4A state 11 championship game and extend to the players, coaches, and staff 12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the Golden Eagles as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2290 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House