

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 232

WHEREAS, The Gunter High School volleyball team proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the 2022 University Interscholastic League 3A state championship; and

WHEREAS, Following an impressive performance during the regular season, the Tigers continued to excel in the playoffs, dispatching Prairiland, Ponder, Edgewood, Tatum, and Rains High Schools to reach the state tournament for the third consecutive year; in the semifinals, Gunter easily beat Columbus High School in straight sets to punch its ticket to the November 19 state finale; and

WHEREAS, The Tigers battled for the crown against defending state champion Bushland High School in a rematch of the 2021 title contest; Gunter took the first set 29-27 in a hard-fought game and then went on to claim the next two sets by the scores of 25-23 and 25-20 to sweep the match and capture the title; the triumph gave Gunter its first volleyball state championship and capped off an outstanding year in which the squad compiled an overall record of 43 wins and just 6 losses; and

WHEREAS, Rayanna Mauldin was named the Most Valuable Player of the championship match, and Miranda Putnicki and Briley Singleton joined her on the 3A All-Tournament Team; the Tigers also received significant contributions throughout the season from the other members of the roster: Chloe Johnson, Adilynn Henry, Abby Elmore, Berkeley Caple, Brelee Mauldin, Aubrey Walton, Makena Fady, Hanna Rubis, Aubrey Burchfield, Elle Whitteker, and Madison Smith; these determined student-athletes were guided by head coach Katelyn Gill and assistant coaches

Mikayla Watson, Leigh Vickery, and Vince Morgan; the team also received enthusiastic support from athletic trainer Ryan Barham and manager Ryane Spurgin; and

WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and the members of the Tigers volleyball team will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Gunter High School volleyball team on winning the 2022 UIL 3A state championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate