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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hitchcock High School boys' basketball team
2 closed out a historic campaign by winning the 2023 University
3 Interscholastic League 3A state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Hitchcock began its journey to the title with an
5 impressive run in the regular season, winning the district crown
6 with a perfect record of 14-0 against league opponents; continuing
7 to excel in the playoffs, the Bulldogs dispatched Shepherd, Diboll,
8 Orangefield, Lorena, and New Waverly High Schools to earn the
9 school's fourth state tournament appearance; with a 69-36 blowout
10 victory against Hooks High School in the semifinals, the team
11 punched its ticket to the state finale for the first time since
12 2003; and

13 WHEREAS, On March 11, Hitchcock battled for the title against
14 Childress High School; the Bulldogs trailed early in the first
15 quarter but led 28-20 at halftime and stymied their foe's comeback
16 attempt in the third frame; holding a six-point advantage entering
17 the fourth quarter, the team erupted on offense, going on a 14-3 run
18 to seal the outcome; emerging triumphant by the final score of
19 68-45, the Bulldogs claimed the program's inaugural state
20 championship; and

21 WHEREAS, Hitchcock was led by Championship Game Most Valuable
22 Player Damien McDaniel, who was joined by Lloyd Jones III and Elijah
23 Sherwood on the 3A All-Tournament Team; the Bulldogs also received
24 valuable contributions throughout the year from the other members

1 of the roster: Isaac Garza, Kelshaun Johnson, Taron Elam, Bryce
2 Dorsey, Tahara Goins Jr., Kamari McNeal, Tyler Crear, Trevor
3 Gregory, and Jayden Saxton-Rivera; these determined
4 student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Christopher
5 Jordan-Foster and assistant coaches Rogers Davis and Lloyd Jones;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
8 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
9 commitment to excellence, and the Hitchcock Bulldogs will treasure
10 the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their lives; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
13 hereby congratulate the Hitchcock High School boys' basketball team
14 on winning the 2023 UIL 3A state championship and extend to the
15 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Bulldogs as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas Senate.