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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The girls' basketball team from Clark High School in  
2 San Antonio reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2023  
3 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship; and

4           WHEREAS, The Cougars began their journey to the title by  
5 claiming the District 28-6A title, and they carried their momentum  
6 into the playoffs, besting Clemens, Round Rock, Lake Travis, United  
7 South, and Brennan High Schools to reach the state tournament at the  
8 Alamodome for the second consecutive season; and

9           WHEREAS, On March 3, Clark faced off against Coppell High  
10 School in what proved to be a thrilling semifinal showdown;  
11 trailing 47-43 with just 15 seconds remaining, the Cougars first  
12 converted a three-point play and then won the game on a clutch  
13 three-point shot by Natalie Huff with one second remaining to  
14 advance to the final; and

15           WHEREAS, Clark battled for the crown against two-time  
16 defending state champion DeSoto High School on March 4; down a point  
17 entering the fourth quarter, the Cougars dialed up the defensive  
18 pressure to hold their opponent to just two points the rest of the  
19 game, and they took control with accurate shooting from the field  
20 and the free-throw line; when the final seconds ticked away, the  
21 team cut down the nets in celebration of a 42-37 victory and the  
22 program's first state title; and

23           WHEREAS, The Cougars were paced by Championship Game Most  
24 Valuable Player Arianna Roberson, who was joined by Ms. Huff on the

1 6A All-Tournament Team; over the course of the season, the Cougars  
2 also received valuable contributions from the other members of the  
3 roster: Sydney Pritchard, Ramsey Robledo, Sarah Perales, Jadeyn  
4 Perez, Bolu Odumosu, Raya Kolysko, Katherine Mika, Emily Lopez, Joi  
5 Gonzalez, Kamryn Griffin, Manal El-Jabsheh, and Kaitlin Whitlock;  
6 these determined student-athletes were ably guided by head coach  
7 Rihanna Houy and assistant coaches Michael Byrne and Jennifer Woods;  
8 and

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

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
15 hereby congratulate the Clark High School girls' basketball team on  
16 winning the 2023 UIL 6A state championship and extend to the  
17 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued  
18 success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the Cougars as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas Senate.