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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Splendora High School LadyCats captured the 2002 UIL 3A State Softball Championship with a hard-fought victory over the Lindale High School Lady Eagles on June 1 at Austin's McCombs Field; and

5 WHEREAS, Under the tutelage of head coach Val Weldon, the 6 LadyCats came to epitomize teamwork, dedication, and 7 sportsmanship, finishing their season with a 30-4 record and 8 possession of the coveted state championship trophy; and

9 WHEREAS, Although their victory was a true team effort, the 10 LadyCats received a stellar performance from tournament MVP Melissa 11 Collins, who struck out 41 batters in the team's final two games; 12 and

13 WHEREAS, To reach the championship game, the LadyCats 14 defeated Decatur in the state semifinals with a 1-0 12-inning 15 victory; Ms. Collins set a state record in that game with a 16 phenomenal 27 strikeouts; and

WHEREAS, The Splendora LadyCats softball team has achieved the pinnacle of success, and with this exciting accomplishment these outstanding student-athletes have ensured their team a lasting place of honor in the annals of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Coach Val Weldon and the Splendora High School LadyCats softball team on winning the 2002 UIL 3A State

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1 Softball Championship; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 3 prepared for the members of the team and for prominent display at 4 Splendora High School as an expression of high regard by the Texas 5 House of Representatives.