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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an outstanding display of skill and
2 determination, the Lady Leopards volleyball team from Lovejoy High
3 School in Lucas captured the University Interscholastic League 3A
4 state championship on November 22, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, Their title-game victory came after three
6 hard-fought sets against the Lady Lions of Brownwood High School
7 and brought a triumphant end to a spectacular season in which the
8 team notched 40 wins and just 5 losses; Lovejoy's achievement was
9 all the more impressive given that there were no seniors on the
10 squad; moreover, the school is a relative newcomer to volleyball,
11 having competed at the varsity level for just two seasons; and

12 WHEREAS, Several Lovejoy players received individual
13 accolades for their exceptional play in 2008, with Natalie Puckett
14 being named to the all-area team and Andie Malloy, Lauren McDaniel,
15 Courtney Ray, Kate Turner, and Tyler Bradsher being selected for
16 the 13-3A all-district team; in addition, Ms. Puckett was named the
17 district most valuable player while Ms. Turner and Ms. Bradsher
18 were named defensive player of the year and setter of the year,
19 respectively; and

20 WHEREAS, The Lady Leopards also received vital contributions
21 from the other members of the team: Becki Kendall, Addason Lamb,
22 Whitney Stevens, and Brennan Roehrig; and

23 WHEREAS, Head coach Ryan Mitchell provided the squad with
24 assured guidance throughout the regular season and the playoffs,

1 inspiring his players to realize the dream of a state title; his
2 efforts earned him the coach of the year honor from the *Dallas*
3 *Morning News*; he was ably supported by assistant coaches Kristin
4 Moss, Dena Goddard, and Jeff Kear, head athletic trainer Quentin
5 Oliphant, and athletic trainer Susan Smiley; and

6 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
7 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
8 commitment to teamwork, and the student athletes of the Lady
9 Leopards volleyball team may indeed reflect with pride on a job well
10 done; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Lovejoy Lady Leopards
13 volleyball team on winning the UIL 3A state championship for 2008
14 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
18 House of Representatives.