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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An outstanding team reached the pinnacle of its
2 sport when the Lady Buccaneers of Blinn College captured the 2008
3 National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 national
4 championship in volleyball on November 22 in Council Bluffs, Iowa;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Lady Bucs' championship win over the University
7 of Arkansas at Fort Smith came after a harrowing first two sets that
8 put the Blinn women behind 2-0; the team's focus and determination
9 helped it to battle back, however, and it won the last three sets to
10 take the match; the triumph capped an exceptional season of 33 wins
11 and only 2 losses, with many of the victories coming as three-set
12 sweeps; and

13 WHEREAS, This season's exceptional accomplishments resulted
14 from the combined efforts of all the team members, including
15 freshmen Angela McAdams, Lakeshia Craft, Elizaveta Senenkova,
16 Christy Hodge, Katelyn Rohan, Keidra Williams, Cinthya Roberto, and
17 Hivya Leite, and sophomores Lori Hunsucker, Korinne Stinson,
18 Jennifer Goodwin, Kara Stinson, Laura Twedell, and Kayla Schmidt;
19 moreover, Ms. Schmidt was honored by the American Volleyball
20 Coaches Association as the 2008 Two-Year Colleges National Player
21 of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, Head coach David Rehr provided assured leadership
23 throughout the season, inspiring his players to realize the dream
24 of a national title; he was ably supported by assistant coach Brian

1 Froebel, a Blinn graduate in his first year as Coach Rehr's
2 full-time assistant; and

3 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship represents the
4 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
5 commitment to teamwork, and the student-athletes of the Lady
6 Buccaneers volleyball team will carry the memory of this
7 accomplishment with them for the rest of their lives; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the coaches and players of the
11 Blinn College Lady Buccaneers volleyball team on winning the 2008
12 NJCAA Division 1 national volleyball championship and extend to
13 them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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