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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of Slocum High School in
2 Elkhart proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the
3 University Interscholastic League 1A Division 2 state championship
4 on March 14, 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Facing off against the team from Nazareth High
6 School in the title game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, the
7 Mustangs used their defensive skills to stymie their opponent and
8 then took a commanding lead in the fourth quarter on their way to a
9 45-27 victory; when the final buzzer sounded, Slocum had secured
10 the first basketball title in the school's history and did so in its
11 very first trip to the state tournament; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mustang attack was led by senior Jared Lane, who
13 scored 22 points and was named the Most Valuable Player of the title
14 game; the team's season-long march to the championship also
15 required vital contributions from the other members of the squad:
16 Logan Foster, Kendell Redd, Jacob Bowman, Dillon Bickerstaff,
17 Fletcher Larkin, Cole Lane, Steven Prater, Brody Sizemore, and
18 Randall Thomason; and

19 WHEREAS, These talented student-athletes received valuable
20 guidance from head coach Jay Bruce and assistant coach Barry Gill,
21 who did an outstanding job of schooling the players in basketball
22 fundamentals and inspiring them to give their all on the hardwood;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the dream of every

1 high school basketball player; by realizing that goal, the members
2 of the Slocum High School team have brought great joy to their
3 community, and they will forever treasure their memories of this
4 momentous achievement; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' basketball team of Slocum
7 High School on winning the UIL 1A Division 2 state championship and
8 extend to the players, coaches, and staff best wishes for continued
9 success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
12 House of Representatives.