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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The girls' basketball team of MacArthur High School
2 in Irving reached the ultimate level of achievement by claiming the
3 University Interscholastic League Class 5A state championship with
4 a victory in the title game on March 5, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Playing the talented team from Georgetown High
6 School in the state tournament finals at the Frank Erwin Center in
7 Austin, the Lady Cardinals built a 17-point halftime lead and went
8 on to win 74-51; the victory gave MacArthur High its first team
9 sport state championship and capped a 2010-2011 season that saw the
10 team win 37 of its 39 contests; and

11 WHEREAS, Alexis Jones was named the most valuable player of
12 the state tournament, while Karmyn Jackson and Ayriel Anderson were
13 named to the all-tournament team; in addition, Ms. Jones received
14 the Gatorade Texas Girls Basketball Player of the Year honor and the
15 *Dallas Morning News* all-area basketball MVP award, while
16 Ms. Jackson was a nominee for the McDonald's All-American High
17 School Basketball Team; and

18 WHEREAS, The Lady Cardinals also received valuable
19 contributions throughout the year from the other members of the
20 roster: Ivory Coleman, Demetria Foreman, Monique Jackson, Tiffini
21 Wilson, Khoriah Newman, Cierra Robinson, Desiree Smith, and Tory
22 Jacobs; and

23 WHEREAS, During the state tournament, head coach Suzie
24 Oelschlegel was honored with a lifetime achievement award for her

1 31 years of coaching and her more than 600 career victories; she was
2 also named the All-Area Coach of the Year for 2010-2011 by the
3 *Dallas Morning News*; and

4 WHEREAS, The MacArthur athletes received additional guidance
5 from assistant coaches Kim Nance, Jennifer Smith, and Joe Shelley
6 and benefited from the work of statistician Wally Banks, trainers
7 Adrianna Perry and Matthew Reames, and team managers D'Adra Ollis,
8 Lucy Partida, Brianna James, and Destiny Newsome; the MacArthur
9 High School principal is Cynthia Bean and the campus coordinator is
10 Brian Basil, while leadership on the district level is provided by
11 Irving ISD athletic director Joe Barnett and superintendent Dana
12 Bedden; and

13 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
14 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an enduring
15 commitment to excellence, and these talented student-athletes may
16 take justifiable pride in this accomplishment; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the MacArthur High School girls'
20 basketball team on winning the UIL Class 5A state championship and
21 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
22 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the Lady Cardinals as an expression of high regard by
25 the Texas House of Representatives.