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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Sarah Mason Thomas, Ashley Stallard, Nicole
2 Johnson, and Savannah Still, four outstanding tennis players from
3 Faith Academy in Marble Falls, proved their abilities by winning
4 titles at the 2010 and 2011 Texas Association of Private and
5 Parochial Schools Tennis State Championships; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas won the 2010 2A title in girls' singles; a
7 13-year-old freshman at the time of her triumph, she was the
8 youngest tennis player to ever become state champion; she dominated
9 her opponents in all four rounds of the tournament, losing just 10
10 games, and defeated Victoria Hoelscher of Temple Holy Trinity in
11 the finals to earn Faith Academy's first individual state title;
12 Ms. Thomas has also competed in United States Tennis Association
13 girls' 14 champ matches and has held a No. 1 ranking in the State of
14 Texas; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Stallard and Ms. Johnson won the 2010 2A state
16 doubles championship as freshmen, giving the school its first title
17 in that event; the pair won the crown in straight sets over
18 Alexandra Bludau and Emma Gray of Hallettsville Sacred Heart and
19 only dropped six games in the course of four matches; Ms. Stallard
20 has been a girls' 14 super champ player and Ms. Johnson a girls' 16
21 champ player; they, along with Ms. Thomas, are coached by Michelle
22 Stallard at the Horseshoe Bay Resort; and

23 WHEREAS, These victories helped the Lady Flames win the state
24 title in the team competition in 2010, and more success followed in

1 2011; Ms. Thomas joined with classmate Savannah Still to claim the
2 2A state championship in doubles, while Ms. Stallard was state
3 champion in the singles event and Ms. Johnson finished as
4 runner-up; overall, Faith Academy went home with its second
5 consecutive team title; and

6 WHEREAS, The hard work and commitment to excellence
7 demonstrated by these young women have helped their school team to
8 become one of the finest in Texas, and they may take justifiable
9 pride in their exceptional achievements; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Sarah Mason Thomas, Ashley
12 Stallard, Nicole Johnson, and Savannah Still on winning titles at
13 the 2010 and 2011 TAPPS Tennis State Championships and extend to
14 them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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