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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mexia High School girls' basketball team reached
2 the pinnacle of success by capturing the University Interscholastic
3 League 3A state championship on March 2, 2013, with a victory in the
4 title game at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Finishing with a record of 36 wins and just 3
6 defeats, the Ladycats made a thrilling run through the playoffs,
7 during which they defeated Jasper, Madisonville, Waco La Vega,
8 Buna, Fairfield, and Krum High Schools to earn their place in the
9 state tournament final; and

10 WHEREAS, Matching up against Kennedale High School with the
11 championship on the line, the Mexia players demonstrated great
12 composure and perseverance; the team fell behind in both the first
13 and second half but was able to rally each time and close the gap;
14 the score stood tied with six minutes to play, but the Ladycats took
15 control with clutch performances down the stretch to claim a 69-62
16 victory and the school's first state crown in girls' basketball; and

17 WHEREAS, Na'Teshia Owens was named the championship game Most
18 Valuable Player after scoring 23 points and hauling down eight
19 rebounds, while Brechelle Beachum added 14 points and joined
20 Ms. Owens as an All-Tournament honoree; excelling with a true team
21 effort, the Ladycats also received significant contributions
22 throughout the season from the other members of the roster: Ariel
23 Ballard, Yazmine Gamble, Kendal Gipson, Gee Greer, Amy Johnson,
24 Ashley Johnson, Brandi Jones, Que'Shea King, Tiara Ray, Mariyah

1 Wiley, Breana Stoner, and Taylor Porter; and

2 WHEREAS, These dedicated athletes were ably guided by head
3 coach Randy Barger and assistant coaches Carlos Daniels and Britney
4 Collins; additional support was provided by athletic director
5 Lamont Chambers, principal Larry Adair, assistant principal Walter
6 Smith, superintendent Donna Savage, athletic trainer Chris Parks,
7 managers Aliyah Ransom and Y'keisha Stevenson, and videographer
8 Skilan Gamble; and

9 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the culmination of
10 countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to
11 excellence, and the Ladycat players, their fellow classmates, and
12 their many supporters in the community will treasure the memory of
13 this outstanding accomplishment for many years to come; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Mexia High School girls'
17 basketball team on winning the UIL 3A state championship and extend
18 to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
19 continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.