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H.R. No. 1140

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Duncanville High School girls' basketball team  
2 added to the school's rich tradition of excellence on the hardwood  
3 by winning the University Interscholastic League 5A state  
4 championship on March 2, 2013, at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The victory in the title game of the state  
7 tournament capped a remarkable season in which the Pantherettes  
8 finished with a perfect record of 42-0 and claimed their second  
9 consecutive state crown and the eighth in school history; the  
10 team's winning streak now stands at an astounding 70 games; and

11           WHEREAS, Under the guidance of head coach Cathy Self-Morgan,  
12 Duncanville powered through the postseason with commanding wins  
13 over Killeen, Hurst Bell, Cedar Hill, Arlington Bowie, and Coronado  
14 High Schools to earn a trip to the state tournament; the team's  
15 margin of victory in its first five playoff games was never less  
16 than 19 points and exceeded 30 points for three of the contests; and

17           WHEREAS, After topping League City Clear Springs in the  
18 semifinals, the Pantherettes matched up against Cibolo Steele High  
19 School for the championship; Duncanville led wire to wire and  
20 secured a dominant 59-36 victory to hoist the trophy yet again;  
21 senior Kiara Perry led the way with 20 points and 13 rebounds and  
22 was named the game's Most Valuable Player; she was joined on the  
23 All-Tournament Team by junior Ariel Atkins, who contributed 13  
24 points and 7 rebounds; and

1           WHEREAS, With their superb play throughout the 2012-2013  
2 season, the Duncanville Pantherettes have earned a place among the  
3 top teams in the nation as well as comparisons to the finest girls'  
4 squads in the history of Texas high school basketball, and their  
5 accomplishments will be a source of pride for the school and its  
6 supporters for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Duncanville High School girls'  
9 basketball team on winning the UIL 5A state championship and extend  
10 to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
11 continued success; and, be it further

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