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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Demonstrating exceptional dedication and teamwork,  
2 the girls' basketball team of Lincoln High School in Dallas made a  
3 thrilling run through the University Interscholastic League 4A  
4 playoffs to reach the 2013 title game; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lady Tigers posted an impressive 30-4 record in  
6 the regular season and went on to tally playoff wins over Dallas  
7 Seagoville, West Mesquite, The Colony, Mansfield Summit, and Frisco  
8 Liberty to earn a trip to the state tournament; there, the team  
9 bested Aledo High School 64-44 in the semifinals before falling to  
10 Georgetown in a hard-fought championship showdown to finish as 4A  
11 runner-up; and

12 WHEREAS, Alisha Washington led the squad in scoring by  
13 averaging 18.7 points per game throughout the season, and Jade  
14 Colbert and Kelsey Criner also averaged in double figures; the  
15 well-balanced Lady Tigers team further benefited from the hard work  
16 of the other members of the roster: Dariel Johnson, Nicoria Denman,  
17 Regina Anderson, Shatavies Reed, Jamia Mack, Jasmine Cooper, and  
18 Jalah Walton; and

19 WHEREAS, Excelling both on and off the court, these  
20 outstanding young women are focused on their studies and are active  
21 members of their community; Ms. Colbert is slated to be the class  
22 valedictorian, while Ms. Criner, Ms. Mack, and Ms. Denman are  
23 ranked 3rd, 4th, and 11th academically among Lincoln seniors; each  
24 month, the entire team volunteers at St. Luke "Community" United

1 Methodist Church to help feed the homeless; and

2           WHEREAS, The Lady Tigers were skillfully guided by head coach  
3 Carlesa Dixon, who was a member of the school's first girls'  
4 championship basketball squad in 1999 and went on to play at the  
5 collegiate level and for a professional league in Sweden; the team  
6 also received valuable contributions from assistant coaches and  
7 Lincoln alums Artavia Burns and Cynthia Mcleod, as well as from  
8 manager Darnesha Johnson and statistician Larry McDonald; and

9           WHEREAS, Through their inspired performances on the  
10 hardwood, the Lincoln Lady Tigers have won the admiration of their  
11 many supporters in the community, and the skill and commitment that  
12 defined their approach to the game will serve them well in all of  
13 their future endeavors; now, therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Lincoln High School girls'  
16 basketball team on its success during the 2012-2013 season and  
17 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
18 wishes for continued achievement; and, be it further

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