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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Furthering its reputation as a basketball
2 powerhouse, the girls' team from North Central Texas Academy in
3 Granbury captured its third consecutive state championship with a
4 victory in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools
5 Class 1A title game on March 2, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, In claiming the crown, the Lady Pioneers capped a
7 remarkable season in which they finished with a record of 27 wins
8 and just 3 losses and were undefeated against their opponents in
9 district play; and

10 WHEREAS, The NCTA team began its march through the playoffs
11 by handily winning its first two postseason games against Bellville
12 Faith and Plainview Christian Academies; the Lady Pioneers then
13 beat district foe Wichita Falls Notre Dame Catholic School for the
14 third time this season to earn their place in the finals; and

15 WHEREAS, Matching up against the talented squad from Selma
16 River City Believers Academy in the championship contest, the NCTA
17 players found themselves facing an eight-point deficit at the start
18 of the fourth quarter; the team retained its composure and focus,
19 however, and staged a thrilling comeback, outscoring its opponent
20 18-3 down the stretch to secure a 35-28 triumph; senior Shelby Lyle
21 scored seven points during the final quarter to lead the Lady
22 Pioneer surge, and she earned All-Tournament honors along with
23 teammates Sara Etherington and Cinthya Rivas; and

24 WHEREAS, Benefiting from strong teamwork throughout the

1 season, the Lady Pioneers also received outstanding contributions
2 from the other members of the roster: Anna Strickland, Jennie Chen,
3 Melissa Rivera, Brooke Moss, Kali Mulchahy, Grace Na, McKenna
4 House, Wendi Pei, Sydney Lindsey, and Casey Wiliford; and

5 WHEREAS, These talented young women were guided by head coach
6 Emily Britt and assistant coach Chris Bloyd, with additional
7 support from athletic director Kirby Rasco and principal Jennifer
8 Smith; and

9 WHEREAS, The North Central Texas Academy Lady Pioneers have
10 demonstrated the dedication and skill necessary to repeatedly reach
11 the ultimate level of success, and their achievements will remain a
12 cherished memory for the athletes and the entire NCTA community for
13 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the North Central Texas Academy
16 girls' basketball team on winning the 2013 TAPPS 1A state
17 championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff
18 sincere best wishes for the future; 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.