

R E S O L U T I O N

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

6 WHEREAS, Finishing with a record of 38 wins and just 4
7 defeats, the Lady Panthers made a thrilling run through the
8 playoffs, during which they defeated Miami, Turkey Valley, Lenorah
9 Grady, Hartley, and Leakey High Schools to earn their place in the
10 state tournament final; and

11 WHEREAS, Matching up against Saltillo High School with the
12 championship on the line, Whitharral played with great composure
13 and consistency, trailing only briefly in the opening moments of
14 the game and building a seven-point halftime edge; Saltillo closed
15 to within three points with 5:31 left on the clock, but the Lady
16 Panthers' defense rose to the occasion, allowing just one basket
17 over the next four and a half minutes; on the other end of the floor,
18 the Whitharral athletes hit key baskets and free throws, and the
19 team pulled away to claim a 45-36 victory and the school's first
20 state crown in girls' basketball; and

21 WHEREAS, Taylor Moore, Mia Ochoa, and Maeci Scott all scored
22 in double figures in the championship game, and Ms. Moore and Ms.
23 Ochoa were joined by teammate Kalicia McCoy as All-Tournament
24 honorees; excelling with a true team effort, the Lady Panthers also

1 received significant contributions throughout the season from the
2 other members of the roster: Lexi Pinkert, Briana Magallanes,
3 Deborah Albus, Jade Barron, Kimberly Albus, Addie Grant, Brooke
4 Pendergrass, Abby Hoelscher, Lexie Wischkaemper, Emily Howell, and
5 Toria Cisneros; and

6 WHEREAS, These dedicated competitors were ably guided by head
7 coach Joshua Jourden and assistant coach Amie Albus; additional
8 support was provided by superintendent Ed Sharp, principal Carla
9 Kristinek, team managers Harlea Hoelscher, Aspen Keesler, Sara
10 Lopez, Hannah Scott, Jaela Jourden, and Joleigh Jourden, and
11 statistician Brian Martin; and

12 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the goal of every
13 high school athlete; the hard work and skill demonstrated by the
14 Whitharral players have enabled them to realize that dream, and
15 they will treasure the memory of this outstanding accomplishment
16 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Whitharral High School girls'
19 basketball team on winning the UIL 1A Division 2 state championship
20 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
21 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

King of Hemphill

H.R. No. 1344

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1344 was adopted by the House on April 17, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House