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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.