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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Realizing their season-long goal of being the best
2 4A basketball team in Texas, the Georgetown High School Lady Eagles
3 won the University Interscholastic League state championship with a
4 victory in the title game on March 2, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Playing the team from Dallas Lincoln High School in
6 the tournament final at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin, the Lady
7 Eagles found themselves in a hard-fought battle; trailing by seven
8 points with just over seven minutes remaining, the Georgetown
9 players demonstrated their undeniable will to win; they turned the
10 momentum in their favor by pressuring their opponent into mistakes
11 and mounted a thrilling comeback; championship game Most Valuable
12 Player Kaitlin Walla nailed a key jump shot with 1:36 to play to
13 give the Lady Eagles a one-point lead, and clutch free-throw
14 shooting in the final minute sealed a 65-60 triumph; and

15 WHEREAS, The win gave Georgetown High its second hoops crown
16 in school history, and the Lady Eagles have made a strong bid for
17 the title on numerous other occasions; this was the team's ninth
18 appearance in the trophy matchup, six of which have come under the
19 exceptional leadership of coach Rhonda Farney; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Walla was joined on the All-Tournament Team by
21 Lorrie Santoy; the Lady Eagles also received valuable contributions
22 throughout the year from the other members of the roster: Hayley
23 Hunter, MacKayla Embry, Sandi Harris, Samantha Lee, Abby Saenz,
24 Aubrey Simon, Stephanie Sovereign, Remy Wassom, Haley Frias,

1 Kendrick Clark, Nicole Elliott, Amanda Johnson, Caitlyn Buttram,
2 Avery Kelly, Bree Smith, Hayley White, Rikki Blue, Christine
3 Mersiosky, Taylor LaCour, Khadijah Conway, and Maddie Anderson; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Farney was aided in her efforts by assistant
5 coaches Kellye Richardson, Kristin Curtis, and Jordan Ramey; the
6 team also benefited from the efforts of managers Grant Anderson,
7 Hope DeLatorre, Amanda Goode, Kamille Lyons, and Seth Sossner,
8 athletic trainers Chad Hennessey and Vanessa Morales, student
9 trainer Emily Baldwin-Pena, statistician Andrea Kautzsch, and
10 video technician Mary Lucas; and

11 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
12 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an enduring
13 commitment to excellence, and these talented student-athletes have
14 become a source of great pride to their school and community; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Georgetown High School girls'
18 basketball team on winning the UIL 4A state championship for 2013
19 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
20 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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