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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Continuing a notable tradition of athletic
2 excellence, the girls' basketball team from Nazareth High School
3 won the University Interscholastic League 1A state championship on
4 March 7, 2015, at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, The victory in the finals of the state tournament
6 capped a remarkable season in which the Swiftettes finished with an
7 impressive overall record of 34 wins and just 2 defeats and claimed
8 their second consecutive state crown; moreover, this marked the
9 school's 20th title since 1977, and Nazareth now holds the national
10 record for the most state championships by a public high school; and

11 WHEREAS, The Swiftettes powered through the postseason with
12 commanding wins over McLean, Turkey Valley, Spur, and Follett High
13 Schools to earn a trip to the state tournament; there, they
14 dominated the squad from D'Hanis High School by a score of 61-18 to
15 clinch a berth in the 1A title game, where they easily defeated
16 Lipan High School, 56-40, to hoist the trophy once again; and

17 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Swiftettes
18 received significant contributions from each member of the roster:
19 Payton Robb, Abby Schmucker, Tarah Hill, Allie Schulte, Mackenzie
20 Gerber, Kelsey Espenson, Deborah VanDijk, Aubrie Durbin, Paige
21 Gerber, Hannah Leavitt, Carlie Heiman, and Ellen Schilderink; these
22 dedicated players were ably guided by head coach Eric Schilling and
23 assistant coaches Morgan Moore and William Raphelt, with additional
24 help from managers Blakely Gerber, Cambrie Heiman, Hallie Kleman,

1 and April Schmucker, statistician Kamryn Schulte, and trainer
2 Mitchell Brockman; and

3 WHEREAS, With this latest championship achievement, the
4 Nazareth High players have furthered their school's reputation as a
5 true basketball powerhouse, and each team member will forever
6 cherish her memories of this exceptional season; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Nazareth High School girls'
10 basketball team on winning the UIL 1A state title and extend to the
11 team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
12 continued success; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.