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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Martin's Mill High School Lady Mustangs proved 2 themselves one of the finest basketball teams in Texas by capturing 3 the 2015 University Interscholastic League 2A state championship 4 with a victory on March 7 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, The title game win closed out an unforgettable year 6 in which Martin's Mill claimed the district crown with its 7 outstanding play during the regular season and then blazed a path 8 through the playoffs; the team reeled off commanding victories in 9 its first four games of the postseason and was not tested until the 10 semifinals of the state tournament, when it edged LaPoynor High 11 School by a score of 36-33 to advance to the 2A title game; and

12 WHEREAS, Playing the team from Gruver High School in the 13 tournament final, the Lady Mustangs found themselves in a 14 hard-fought battle but held the lead for nearly the entire game; up 15 by only three points with just under seven minutes to play, the 16 Martin's Mill players kept their composure and put the contest away 17 with strong free-throw shooting down the stretch to seal a 49-36 18 triumph; and

WHEREAS, Senior Cheyenne Brown scored 29 points in this final appearance of her high school basketball career and was honored as the game's Most Valuable Player; vital contributions were also made throughout the year by the other members of the roster: Madi Daniel, Hannah Celsur, Hailey Hawes, Alyssa Pate, Jocie Bennett, Sarah Munns, Hannah Munns, Hailey Celsur, Jacee Greenlee, Briley Moon,

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1 and Calli Camacho; and

2 WHEREAS, With its win in the 2A final, Martin's Mill claimed 3 its fourth state championship in the past nine years and has been a 4 contender in every state tournament but one since 2006; the 5 2014-2015 squad was ably led by head coach Laura Jenkins, who took 6 the helm at the beginning of the season after previously serving as 7 an assistant coach for the Lady Mustangs; and

8 WHEREAS, Winning a state title represents the culmination of 9 countless hours of hard work and an enduring commitment to 10 excellence, and the talented student-athletes of the Lady Mustangs 11 basketball team have become a source of great pride to their school 12 and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Martin's Mill High School girls' basketball team on winning the UIL 2A state championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 19 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas 20 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1590 was adopted by the House on April 16, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House