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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The girls' basketball team of Sunnyvale High School
2 reached the pinnacle of success by capturing the University
3 Interscholastic League 3A state championship on March 7, 2015, with
4 a win in the title game at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, Finishing with a record of 37 wins and just 2
6 defeats, the Lady Raiders went undefeated in district play and
7 compiled an impressive 34-game winning streak; Sunnyvale began the
8 postseason with dominating double-digit victories over Peaster,
9 Paradise, Brock, and Winnsboro High Schools to advance to the
10 regional finals; there, the team triumphed over Alba-Golden High
11 School by a score of 68-55 to earn the school's debut appearance in
12 the state tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, Sunnyvale deployed an aggressive defense to
14 overwhelm Rockdale High School in the semifinals, taking an early
15 lead and cruising to a 71-27 win to clinch a spot in the
16 championship game; the Lady Raiders proved up to the task once more
17 in the 3A final against Shallowater High School, as they went on a
18 blistering offensive run in the third quarter to secure a 52-37
19 victory and Sunnyvale High's first basketball state crown; and

20 WHEREAS, Senior guard Grace Goodhart was named the title game
21 Most Valuable Player after scoring 13 points and hauling in 4
22 rebounds, while teammate Karah Sicurella added 12 points to join
23 Ms. Goodhart as an All-Tournament honoree; excelling with a true
24 team effort, the Lady Raiders also received significant

1 contributions throughout the season from the other members of the
2 roster: Ivy Alexander, Leslie Berry, Gabrielle Allen, Bria Johnson,
3 Landry Westmoreland, Jordan Griffin, Claire Knight, Lori McDermett,
4 Madison D'Elia, and Kinsley Troutman; and

5 WHEREAS, These dedicated athletes were ably guided by head
6 coach Jill McDill and assistant coaches Casey Reeves and Autumn
7 Softley; additional support was provided by managers Elizabeth Ann
8 Beaty, Kayla Rabb, and Karlee Williams, athletic trainer Chris
9 Wangler, and student trainer Jim Threet; and

10 WHEREAS, A state title can only be achieved through a
11 combination of talent and hard work, and all those involved in
12 Sunnyvale High School's championship effort may take justifiable
13 pride in a job well done; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Sunnyvale High School girls'
16 basketball team on winning the UIL 3A state championship and extend
17 to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
18 continued success; and, be it further

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