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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Canadian High School boys' basketball team
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the University
3 Interscholastic League 2A state championship on March 14, 2015, at
4 the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, The Wildcats finished with a record of 21 wins and
6 just 1 defeat, and their impressive run through the postseason
7 included victories over Claude, Panhandle, Smyer, and Farwell High
8 Schools to clinch Canadian's first trip to the UIL state tournament
9 since 1945; and

10 WHEREAS, In the 2A semifinals, the Wildcats jumped out to a
11 double-digit halftime lead over the squad from Martin's Mill High
12 School and went on to record a 68-62 win; that set the stage for the
13 title game, where Canadian matched up against the top-ranked team
14 from Big Sandy High School in a hard-fought contest that featured 4
15 ties and 10 lead changes; trailing by two points entering the fourth
16 quarter, the Wildcats took the lead for good on a three-pointer by
17 senior guard Braiden Galla with just under five minutes to play and
18 closed out a 68-60 triumph with clutch free-throw shooting down the
19 stretch; the victory was all the more special because it earned
20 Canadian High School its first state championship in the sport; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Galla was named the title game Most Valuable
22 Player after scoring 17 points and hauling in 3 rebounds, while
23 teammates Sawyer Cook and Cameron Copley joined him on the
24 All-Tournament Team; excelling with a true team effort, the

1 Wildcats also received essential contributions throughout the
2 season from the other members of the roster: Caleb Davis, Tanner
3 Schafer, Ethan Lusk, Cooper Trolinger, Matthew Lynch, Branden
4 Carson, Trae Dwyer, Cory Chidester, Corbin Douthitt, Cody Gill,
5 Cody Wolfe, Tyler Richardson, Alexander Cervantes, Manny Ramsey,
6 and Bryce Chidester; and

7 WHEREAS, These dedicated competitors were ably guided by head
8 coach Andy Copley and assistant coaches Jeff Isom, Hayden Merket,
9 and Tim Fletcher; additional support was provided by managers Ben
10 Bryant, Reagan Cochran, and Josh Culwell, trainer Brian Mullins,
11 statistician Jamie Copley, and videographer Gage Greenhouse; 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 Canadian High School players have enabled them to realize that
15 dream, and they will treasure the memory of this outstanding
16 accomplishment for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate the Canadian High School boys'
19 basketball team on winning the 2015 UIL 2A state championship and
20 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.