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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lancaster High School boys' basketball team  
2 reached the pinnacle of success by capturing the University  
3 Interscholastic League 5A state championship on March 14, 2015,  
4 with a victory in the title game at the Alamodome in San Antonio;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, The Tigers compiled an outstanding overall record of  
7 34 wins and just 4 losses, finishing the year with a 28-game winning  
8 streak and taking home the first boys' basketball championship for  
9 Lancaster High; during their impressive run through the postseason,  
10 these determined athletes defeated Spruce, Lindale, South Oak  
11 Cliff, McKinney, and Wilson High Schools before winning their  
12 semifinal game against Andress High to earn a spot in the  
13 championship contest; and

14           WHEREAS, Matching up against Beaumont Ozen High School with  
15 the state crown on the line, the Tigers raced out to a double-digit  
16 lead after the first quarter; the team continued its fine play in  
17 the second half, combining an aggressive defense with solid  
18 shooting from beyond the three-point line to secure a 59-47  
19 victory; senior Elijah Thomas earned the Most Valuable Player honor  
20 after tallying 17 points and 9 rebounds, and he was joined on the  
21 All-Tournament Team by Antwon Portley and Deon Barrett; and

22           WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, Lancaster also  
23 received valuable contributions throughout the season from the  
24 other members of the roster: Darius Anderson, Dominique Fobbs,

1 Demarcus Hurd, Ike Durham, Josh Johnson, JaColby Pemberton,  
2 Jacorian Lee, Brandon Moore, LaQuan Butler, Nate Morris, Robert  
3 Pride, and Jordan Castillo; the players were guided by head coach  
4 Ferrin Douglas and assistant coaches Joseph Mayberry, Autry  
5 Bostick, Donald Story, and Lahara Bernard, and the Tigers also  
6 benefited from the efforts of manager Isaiah Manning; and

7 WHEREAS, Demonstrating the talent and commitment of true  
8 champions, the Lancaster High Tigers have become a source of great  
9 pride to their school and community, and they may reflect with pride  
10 on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Lancaster High School boys'  
13 basketball team on winning the UIL 5A state championship and extend  
14 to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
15 the future; and, be it further

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