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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Bells High School softball team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the 2017 University Interscholastic
3 League 2A state championship on June 1 at the Red and Charline
4 McCombs Field at The University of Texas at Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, During their campaign for the championship crown,
6 the Panthers enjoyed a remarkable run through the postseason,
7 dispatching opponents from Campbell, Axtell, Trenton, Moody, and
8 Tom Bean High Schools before advancing to the state tournament,
9 where they recorded a 3-1 victory over Archer City High School in
10 the semifinals; and

11 WHEREAS, Facing off in a thrilling finale against the
12 two-time defending state champions from Shiner High School, the
13 Panthers rallied back from a three-run deficit in the seventh
14 inning to ultimately clinch the trophy by a final score of 7-6; the
15 triumph marked the first state softball title in school history and
16 capped off a memorable season in which the squad compiled an
17 impressive record of 32 wins and just 3 losses; and

18 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Panthers
19 received significant contributions throughout the season from each
20 member of the roster, and these talented student-athletes were
21 inspired to play at the top of their game by head coach Kristina
22 Stephens and assistant coaches Lisa Johnson and Gary Rowland; and

23 WHEREAS, The Bells High School softball team demonstrated
24 exemplary teamwork and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and

1 the players and their many supporters in the local community will
2 forever cherish the memory of this outstanding accomplishment; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate the Bells High
6 School softball team on winning the 2017 UIL 2A state championship
7 and extend to all those associated with the team sincere best wishes
8 for continued success; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for the squad as an expression of high regard by the Texas
11 House of Representatives.