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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bringing an unforgettable season to a triumphant
2 close, the DeSoto High School boys' basketball team captured the
3 2016 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship on
4 March 12 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of head coach Chris Dyer and
6 assistant coaches George Golden, Steve Pinchback, and James
7 Williams, the Eagles posted an impressive 28-2 win-loss record in
8 the regular season to secure a berth in the playoffs; during their
9 postseason run, they dispatched formidable teams from Euless
10 Trinity, Carrollton Hebron, Justin Northwest, Lubbock Coronado,
11 and South Grand Prairie High Schools to advance to the state
12 tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, After defeating Cibolo Steele High School 58-53 in a
14 hard-fought semifinal matchup, DeSoto faced off against undefeated
15 Humble Atascocita High School in a battle for the crown; benefiting
16 from a strong defense and a second-quarter offensive surge, DeSoto
17 went into halftime with a commanding lead, and the squad continued
18 its dominance in the second half to seal a 73-54 victory and clinch
19 the school's third state title; senior Tristen Wallace was named
20 the championship game's most valuable player, and he was joined on
21 the All-Tournament Team by senior Marques Bolden; and

22 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Eagles also
23 received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other
24 members of the roster: Julian Miranda, Jordan Berry, Swahn Gibson,

1 Joe McFail, Morris Coe, Jarius Roberson, Chase Winchester, Brandon
2 Butler, Devonte Williams, and Brendon Rushing; and

3 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the goal of every
4 high school athlete; the hard work and skill demonstrated by the
5 DeSoto High players have enabled them to realize that dream, and
6 they will treasure the memory of this outstanding accomplishment
7 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School boys'
10 basketball team on winning the 2016 UIL 6A state championship and
11 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
12 wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.