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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Duncanville High School girls' basketball team
2 again reached the pinnacle of success by winning the University
3 Interscholastic League 6A state championship on March 4, 2017, at
4 the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, During their thrilling postseason run, the
6 Pantherettes dispatched teams from Shoemaker, Plano West Senior,
7 DeSoto, Keller, South Grand Prairie, and Converse Judson High
8 Schools to set up a championship battle against Cypress Ranch High;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In the title contest, the Pantherettes came roaring
11 back from a first-quarter deficit to enter halftime with a 33-31
12 edge; never trailing again, Duncanville went on to clinch the
13 trophy by a final score of 76-65; the triumph marked the team's 2nd
14 consecutive state crown and the 10th girls' basketball title in
15 school history and capped an unforgettable season in which the
16 squad compiled an impressive record of 39 wins and just 2 losses;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Pacing the group was junior guard-forward Zarielle
19 Green, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player after tallying
20 25 points and 7 rebounds; Ms. Green was joined on the
21 All-Tournament team by fellow Duncanville standouts Starr Jacobs, a
22 junior forward-center, and Aniya Thomas, a junior guard; throughout
23 the season, the Pantherettes also received valuable contributions
24 from the other members of the roster: Nina Alvarez, Angel Flowers,

1 Aakilah Caldwell, Tae Davis, LaMoyah Lott, Tiara Franklin, Hannah
2 Gusters, Krislyn Marsh, and Lauryn Bowie; they were ably guided by
3 head coach Cathy Self-Morgan, who notched her 1,100th career
4 victory with the title win, and assistant coaches Destiny Castillo,
5 Stephanie Cooper, Teranie Thomas, and Thomas Webber; and

6 WHEREAS, In winning back-to-back state titles, the
7 Duncanville Pantherettes have earned a place among the elite teams
8 in Texas high school basketball, and this outstanding
9 accomplishment will be a source of community pride for many years to
10 come; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Duncanville High School girls'
13 basketball team on winning the 2017 UIL 6A state championship and
14 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
15 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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