

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Panhandle High School Pantherettes proved  
2 themselves one of the finest basketball teams in Texas by capturing  
3 the 2017 University Interscholastic League 2A state championship on  
4 March 4 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5           WHEREAS, The Pantherettes combined a strong defense with  
6 precision shooting to compile an impressive overall record of 30  
7 wins and just 6 losses and finished the regular season as  
8 cochampions of District 2-2A; they began their playoff run with  
9 double-digit wins over Vega, Farwell, Abernathy, and Irion County  
10 High Schools and followed those performances with a victory over  
11 their district rival Claude High School to earn a trip to the state  
12 tournament; and

13           WHEREAS, After besting the squad from Woden High School in  
14 the semifinals, the Pantherettes faced off against Martin's Mill in  
15 the championship game; the score remained close throughout the  
16 hard-fought contest, but with deft shooting from the field and  
17 clutch free throws in the closing minutes, Panhandle ultimately  
18 clinched a 50-43 win to secure the state title and cap an  
19 unforgettable season; and

20           WHEREAS, Macalle Melton, Rylee Albracht, and Grace Kuehler  
21 were named to the All-Tournament Team for their outstanding play,  
22 and the Pantherettes also received valuable contributions  
23 throughout the year from the other members of the roster: Masyn  
24 Reining, Haley George, Hunter Heck, Karson Powers, Kinley Graham,

1 Lainey Choate, Bree Chavez, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Urbanczyk, Bree  
2 Baker, Riley Hedrick, and Ella Satterwhite; the team also benefited  
3 from the able guidance of head coach Rob Schmucker and assistant  
4 coaches Sheena Schmucker and Mikel Tucker, as well as from the  
5 assistance of statisticians Kaylee Jackson, Kyli Pace, and Luke  
6 Schmucker, video operator Shayla Gandy, and managers Shaylee Beck,  
7 Paityn Green, and Jasmyn Hernandez; and

8         WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the  
9 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an enduring  
10 commitment to excellence, and these talented student-athletes have  
11 become a source of great pride to their school and their community;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Panhandle High School girls'  
15 basketball team on winning the 2017 UIL 2A state championship and  
16 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
17 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2253

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2253 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House