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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.