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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of Avinger High School
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the University
3 Interscholastic League 1A state championship on March 12, 2016, at
4 the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, Capping a remarkable 2015-2016 campaign in which
6 they posted an impressive record of 34 wins and just 2 defeats, the
7 Indians claimed Avinger High's first state championship in two
8 decades and the program's third state title overall; and

9 WHEREAS, During the team's triumphant journey through the
10 playoffs, Avinger defeated Forestburg, Avalon, Lipan, and Campbell
11 High Schools before winning in the semifinals against Happy High
12 School 46-37; facing Grady High in the 1A finale, the Indians
13 stormed back from an early deficit and trailed by only a single
14 point at halftime; the teams traded the lead several times in the
15 third quarter, but Avinger built a seven-point cushion heading into
16 the final frame and eventually secured a 50-36 victory; and

17 WHEREAS, Pacing the Indians in the title contest were senior
18 Desmond Chism, who scored 18 points, and sophomore Grayson Early,
19 who tallied 16; the team also received valuable contributions
20 throughout the year from the other members of the roster: Curtis
21 Henry, Alex Perry, Demionte Mitchell, John Courtney, and Brennan
22 Dowell; the Avinger players were ably guided by head coach Treston
23 Dowell, and they also benefited from the efforts of managers
24 Christopher Carr and Kayden Sablan, athletic trainer Lane Loyd, and

1 statistician Lorraine Rich; and

2 WHEREAS, With their talent, commitment, and hard work, the
3 Avinger Indians realized their season-long goal of winning a state
4 championship, and all those associated with the team may take
5 justifiable pride in a job well done; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Avinger High School boys'
8 basketball team on winning the 2016 UIL 1A state title and extend to
9 the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
10 continued success; and, be it further

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