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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The robotics team from Bushland High School reached  
2 the pinnacle of success by winning the University Interscholastic  
3 League Class 1A-4A FIRST Tech Challenge state championship held at  
4 the Austin Convention Center on May 20, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, Sponsored by the FIRST in Texas Foundation, the  
6 FIRST Tech Challenge provides middle and high school students with  
7 opportunities to design, build, program, and operate robots while  
8 also developing important STEM skills; and

9           WHEREAS, After their impressive performance at the regional  
10 level, the students from Bushland High advanced to the state  
11 tournament, where they earned third place in the preliminaries;  
12 they entered the semifinal and final rounds in an alliance with  
13 fellow Panhandle school Kelton STEAM Academy, and together the two  
14 teams dispatched their opponents, going undefeated in both sets of  
15 matches and claiming the championship title; and

16           WHEREAS, Benefiting from the able guidance of coaches Melissa  
17 Cochran and Kenny Miller, the Bushland High team received valuable  
18 contributions from the four members of its roster: Jack Smalligan,  
19 Hunter Miller, Mason Reed, and Justin Cochran; and

20           WHEREAS, With their fine showing at the state contest, the  
21 members of the Bushland High robotics team have demonstrated  
22 tremendous skill, initiative, and an enduring commitment to  
23 excellence, and they are a source of great pride to their school and  
24 community; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate the Bushland High School robotics  
3 team on winning the 2017 UIL FIRST Tech Challenge state  
4 championship and extend to its members sincere best wishes for  
5 continued success; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the squad as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
8 House of Representatives.