

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 638

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Pacing the group was junior guard-forward Zarielle Green, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player after tallying 25 points and seven rebounds; Zarielle was joined on the All-Tournament team by fellow Duncanville standouts Starr Jacobs, a junior forward-center, and Aniya Thomas, a junior guard; throughout the season, the Pantherettes also received valuable contributions from the other members of the roster: Nina Alvarez, Angel Flowers, Aakilah Caldwell, Tae Davis, LaMoyah Lott, Tiara Franklin, Hannah Gusters, Krislyn Marsh, and Lauryn Bowie; they were ably guided by head coach Cathy

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Self-Morgan, who notched her 1,100th career victory with the title win, and assistant coaches Destiny Castillo, Stephanie Cooper, Teranie Thomas, and Thomas Webber; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Duncanville High School girls' basketball team on winning the 2017 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate