

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 781

WHEREAS, The gymnastics team of Texas Woman's University reached the pinnacle of success by placing first at the 2017 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championships, held April 7 through 9 in Seattle, Washington; and

WHEREAS, After finishing in second place in the semifinal round of the team competition, the Pioneers advanced to the finals, where they faced the University of Bridgeport, Lindenwood University, and Cornell University; with the national title on the line, five Texas Woman's University athletes set or matched their career-high scores, and the team came from behind to clinch the crown in the final rotation with its solid performance in the vault; with an overall team score of 196.125, the Pioneers set a new school record for most total points, and the win marked the 10th national championship for the gymnastics program and its first since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Seven Pioneer gymnasts also took part in the individual event finals; they were paced by Mallory Moredock and Schyler Jones, who finished second and fourth, respectively, in the vault, and Alyssa Kelly, who was sixth in the balance beam; and

WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Pioneers also received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other members of the roster: Erin Alderman, Jenna Cashmore, Morgan Colee, Madison Dickson, Megan Gentry, Kaitlyn Holley, Brandi Lazarus, Bria Northrop, Hope Parkin, Katie Simpson, Hannah Swoish, Abigail Versemann, Hunter Vincent, and Taylor Vincent; these talented student-athletes were guided by head coach Lisa Bowerman and assistant coaches Garrett Griffeth and

Courtney McCool-Griffeth, and they received additional support from graduate assistant Kristin Meyers and assistant director of athletics for sports medicine Kris Ring; and

WHEREAS, With their remarkable skill and determination, the Texas Woman's University Pioneers have proven themselves one of the finest collegiate gymnastics squads in the nation, and their national championship victory has furthered the university's legacy of excellence in gymnastics competitions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Texas Woman's University gymnastics team on winning the 2017 USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championships and extend to all those associated with the team 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 May 16, 2017.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate