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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Lubbock Christian University women's basketball team furthered its legacy of excellence by winning the 2019 NCAA Division II Basketball Championship on March 29 in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of their exciting run through the tournament, the Lady Chaparrals dispatched Tarleton State, Colorado Mesa, and Angelo State Universities to reach the Elite Eight; LCU then punched its ticket to the Final Four with a commanding 99-54 win over the University of North Georgia; and

WHEREAS, In the semifinals, LCU toppled Drury University 69-60 to end the perfect season of the No. 1-seeded team; the Lady Chaps then battled for the crown against No. 2 seed Southwestern Oklahoma State University; it proved a thrilling showdown, with the teams ending regulation play deadlocked at 66; in the first overtime period, LCU drilled a three-pointer in the closing seconds to force the first double overtime in NCAA women's title-game history; the Lady Chaps opened the second OT period with a 10-0 run and then sank 10 of 14 free throws down the stretch to emerge triumphant by the final score of 95-85; with the victory, LCU celebrated its second NCAA Division II title in the past four years; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Chaps were led by Olivia Robertson, who scored 24 points, and Maddi Chitsey, who tallied 22, including the clutch three-point shot at the end of the first overtime period; under the able guidance of head coach Steve Gomez and assistant coaches Kaycie Boyles and Vic Self, LCU also received valuable contributions throughout the 2018-2019 campaign from its other roster members: Laynee Burr, Bobbi Chitsey, Caitlyn Cunyus, Channing Cunyus, Kailin Davis, Ashton Duncan, Emma Middleton, Juliana Robertson, Allie Schulte, Taylor Stevenson, and Madelyn Turner; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating remarkable skill and determination, the Lubbock Christian Lady Chaps thrilled their fans by once again earning the mantle of national basketball champions, and these talented student-athletes may reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Lubbock Christian University women's basketball team on winning the 2019 NCAA Division II championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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