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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Shelbyville High School boys' basketball team
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2019 University
3 Interscholastic League 2A state championship on March 9 at the
4 Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, Following a disappointing loss in the 2018 state
6 tournament semifinals, the Dragons came back with a vengeance
7 during the 2018-2019 campaign; they were undefeated in district
8 play and went on to dominate in the playoffs, defeating Gary,
9 Hull-Daisetta, Cushing, Lovelady, and Grapeland High Schools to
10 once again punch their ticket to the state tournament; in their
11 semifinal matchup, they overwhelmed Hearne by a score of 83-51,
12 setting the stage for a showdown with Gruver High for the
13 championship crown; and

14 WHEREAS, Though Gruver took the lead in the game's opening
15 minutes, Shelbyville took command with a 19-2 run later in the first
16 quarter and never looked back; the Dragons stayed true to their
17 reputation as an offensive powerhouse, leading by as many as 24
18 points in the second half, and winning by a final tally of 67-48;
19 the team rounded out an exceptional season with an overall record of
20 39-3 and collected its first state championship since 1984; and

21 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Dragons
22 received valuable contributions throughout the year from each
23 member of the roster: Marcus Horton, L. D. Coleman, Kolby Parker,
24 Jay Buckley, A. J. Cartwright, Kaleb Campbell, Jekevian Calhoun,

1 Jordan Boykins, Kurtric Allen, Buddy McClelland, Cole Ferguson,
2 John Quintero, Jaylon Brinson, Colt Leach, Kel Wilson, and Keyshawn
3 McCollister; these dedicated athletes benefited from the
4 leadership of head coach David Schmitt and assistant coaches Joe
5 Boykins and Christopher Moore; and

6 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an unwavering resolve to give
7 their very best, the members of the Shelbyville Dragons basketball
8 team have proven themselves the finest 2A team in the Lone Star
9 State, and they may indeed reflect with pride on a job well done;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Shelbyville High School boys'
13 basketball team on winning the 2019 UIL 2A state championship and
14 extend to all those associated with the team sincere best wishes for
15 continued success; and, be it further

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