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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The girls' basketball team from Panhandle High  
2 School distinguished itself by advancing to the 2A semifinals in  
3 the 2019 University Interscholastic League Girls' Basketball State  
4 Championships; and

5           WHEREAS, After compiling an outstanding record of 27 wins and  
6 just 4 losses during the regular season, the Pantherettes embarked  
7 on a thrilling postseason run in which they defeated the teams from  
8 Boys Ranch, Vega, Stratford, and Christoval High Schools in the  
9 first four rounds of play; squaring off against district rival  
10 Wellington in the Region 1 championship game, Panhandle recorded a  
11 decisive 53-35 victory and secured a spot in the state tournament  
12 for the third time in four years; and

13           WHEREAS, The Pantherettes faced defending state champion  
14 Martin's Mill High School in their semifinal contest at the  
15 Alamodome in San Antonio on March 1; the Panhandle players gave  
16 their all in a tough battle that featured two ties, but their  
17 valiant rally in the second half ultimately fell short, and their  
18 season come to an end in a 49-47 loss; and

19           WHEREAS, Under the guidance of head coach Rob Schmucker and  
20 assistant coaches Sheena Schmucker and Mikel Tucker, the  
21 Pantherettes were led by seniors Masyn Reining, Lainey Choate, and  
22 Bree Baker, who took part in three state tournaments during their  
23 high school careers and helped Panhandle with the title in 2017; the  
24 team also received valuable contributions from the other members of

1 the roster: Kinley Graham, Bailey Walterscheid, Ella Satterwhite,  
2 Mason Jones, Mackie Land, Halle Ford, Emmery Sides, Graci Veazey,  
3 and Keeley Harding; and

4 WHEREAS, Demonstrating a combination of exceptional talent  
5 and fierce determination, the Panhandle Pantherettes turned in an  
6 unforgettable performance during the 2018-2019 season, and their  
7 success is a source of great pride to their many supporters in the  
8 local community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Panhandle High School girls'  
11 basketball team on advancing to the semifinals of the 2019 UIL state  
12 tournament and commend the team's players, coaches, and staff on a  
13 job well done; and, be it further

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