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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Stephen F. Austin State University women's  
2 bowling team proved itself the finest in the nation by winning the  
3 title at the 2019 National Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship,  
4 which took place April 11-13 in Wickliffe, Ohio; and

5           WHEREAS, SFA punched its ticket to the event with a win  
6 against Prairie View A&M University on April 5 in Houston; after  
7 joining the other seven qualifying teams in Wickliffe, the  
8 Ladyjacks opened championship week with a 2-1 win over  
9 fourth-seeded Sam Houston State University; the team then edged  
10 second-seeded McKendree University by just two pins in a decisive  
11 final game of a best-of-seven Baker match competition; SFA went on  
12 to overpower the squad from the University of Maryland Eastern  
13 Shore to advance to its third NCAA championship match in the  
14 program's 10-year history; and

15           WHEREAS, With the title on the line, the Ladyjacks squared  
16 off against the No. 1-ranked defending champions from Vanderbilt  
17 University; after dropping game one, the SFA bowlers caught fire  
18 and rolled their way to four consecutive game victories to record a  
19 4-1 championship triumph; the win earned the team its second  
20 national bowling title in the past four years, and the Ladyjacks  
21 received an additional honor when they were voted as the top squad  
22 in the nation by the National Tenpin Coaches Association; and

23           WHEREAS, Aply led by head coach Amber Lemke, SFA's  
24 five-bowler lineup included seniors Paige Beeney and Dakotah

1 Hazlewood, sophomores Sarah Gill and Dakota Faichnie, and freshman  
2 Carlene Beyer; Ms. Beeney was named an NTCA All-American and the  
3 2019 NCAA Bowling Championship MVP, while Ms. Hazlewood also earned  
4 the NTCA All-American designation as well as NCAA Championship  
5 All-Tournament Team honors; furthermore, Ms. Beyer was SFA's top  
6 individual bowler in the traditional team matches at the NCAA  
7 championship, and Ms. Gill went on to compete for an individual  
8 national title at the 2019 United States Bowling Congress  
9 Intercollegiate Singles Championships; the Ladyjacks also received  
10 valuable contributions throughout the season from the other members  
11 of the roster: Megan Eaglehouse, Annie Leihardt, Sarah Voiers, and  
12 Amber Whitcomb, as well as volunteer assistant Steve Lemke; and

13 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship represents the  
14 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering  
15 commitment to excellence, and the members of the Ladyjacks bowling  
16 team will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of  
17 their lives; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the Stephen F. Austin State  
20 University bowling team on winning the title at the 2019 National  
21 Collegiate Women's Bowling Championship and extend to the team's  
22 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued  
23 success; and, be it further

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