

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School girls' track and field team
2 once again proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the
3 6A championship at the 2019 University Interscholastic League Track
4 & Field State Meet; and

5 WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school competitors at
6 Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on May 11, the Lady Eagles clinched
7 their eighth state crown and fourth consecutive 6A title; setting
8 the pace were the members of the 4x100-meter relay team, Ja'Era
9 Griffin, Jayla Hollis, Taylor Armstrong, and Rosaline Effiong,
10 whose victorious time of 44.24 seconds eclipsed the national mark
11 they had set at the regional meet two weeks earlier; in addition,
12 Cierra Wash, Ms. Effiong, Zariah Jones, and Bryannia Murphy won the
13 4x400-meter relay in a national season-best time of 3 minutes,
14 39.79 seconds, and Ms. Griffin, Trinity Kirk, Ms. Armstrong, and
15 Mia Abraham triumphed in the 4x200-meter relay; and

16 WHEREAS, DeSoto was equally impressive in individual
17 competition, placing six athletes on the podium; Ms. Hollis and
18 Jalaysi'ya Smith claimed gold and silver medals, respectively, in
19 the 100-meter hurdles, and Ms. Armstrong won the 300-meter hurdles;
20 further, Ms. Effiong and Ms. Hollis were second and third in the
21 200-meter dash, and Brianna Washington placed second in discus; and

22 WHEREAS, When the final scores were tallied, the Lady Eagles
23 totaled an astounding 121 points, which set a state meet record and
24 bested their closest competitor by 73 points; in their successful

1 quest to continue their reign as state champions, the DeSoto
2 competitors benefited from the expert guidance of head coach June
3 Villers and the members of her staff; and

4 WHEREAS, By accomplishing the rare feat of winning eight
5 state championships, the DeSoto Lady Eagles have burnished their
6 reputation as a track and field dynasty, and their accomplishments
7 are a source of great pride to their school and their many
8 supporters in the community; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School girls' track
11 and field team on winning the 6A championship at the 2019 UIL Track
12 & Field State Meet and extend to the team's athletes, coaches, and
13 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

Davis of Dallas

H.R. No. 1847

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1847 was adopted by the House on May 22, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House