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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Abilene Christian University women's basketball
2 team enjoyed an outstanding 2018-2019 season that culminated in the
3 Wildcats' first appearance in the NCAA Division I basketball
4 tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of head coach Julie
6 Goodenough, the Wildcats compiled a record of 20 wins and 9 losses
7 during the regular season before proving their big-game abilities
8 in the Southland Conference Tournament; ACU bested the University
9 of Central Arkansas in the quarterfinals and then squared off
10 against Lamar University, the tournament's top seed and one of the
11 nation's best defensive teams, in the semifinals; the Wildcats were
12 undaunted, and when they lit up the scoreboard for 36 points in the
13 fourth quarter, they pulled off a stunning 88-79 upset; the squad
14 went on to triumph over Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in a
15 nail-biting 69-68 title game win, taking home the conference
16 tournament crown and securing a berth in the NCAA tournament; and

17 WHEREAS, On March 23, the No. 16 seed ACU team made history by
18 playing its first game in the "big dance" of the NCAA Division I
19 tournament; facing No. 1 seed Baylor University at the Ferrell
20 Center in Waco, the Wildcats gave their all, with notable
21 contributions from team members Breanna Wright, Sara Williamson,
22 Dominique Golightly, and Lexi Kirgan; their efforts ultimately fell
23 short, however, and the team finished the season with an overall
24 record of 23 wins and 10 losses; and

1 WHEREAS, Through their hard work and unwavering commitment to
2 excellence, the 2018-2019 Wildcats have set a new standard of
3 success for ACU women's basketball, and they are a source of
4 tremendous pride to their school and their many supporters in the
5 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Abilene Christian University
8 women's basketball team on winning the 2019 Southland Conference
9 Tournament championship and advancing to the NCAA Division I
10 tournament and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff
11 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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