H.R. No. 1158

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School girls' track team continued its tradition of excellence by claiming its fifth consecutive Class 6A championship at the 2021 University Interscholastic League Track & Field State Meet; and

WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school competitors at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on May 8, the Lady Eagles were paced by their relay squads; Amelliah Birdow, Mia Abraham, Trinity Kirk, and Logan Neely captured the gold medal in the 4x200-meter event with a time of 1 minute, 36.93 seconds, while the quartet of Ms. Birdow, Lacie Deboskie, Ms. Kirk, and Ms. Neely completed the 4x400-meter relay in 3 minutes, 45.06 seconds, to win the silver medal; moreover, Jalaysi'ya Smith, Ja'Era Griffin, Ms. Kirk, and Ms. Abraham earned the bronze in the 4x100-meter relay, clocking in at 45.22 seconds; and

WHEREAS, In the individual events, Ms. Smith led the way with a gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles; her time of 12.93 seconds would have been a state-meet and national record if the wind reading of 6.1 had not been over the allowable limit of 2.0; she also collected a silver in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.46 seconds; in the same event, Ms. Neely added to the Lady Eagle point total with a fourth-place finish, crossing the finish line in 42.92 seconds; in addition, Ms. Griffin competed in the 100-meter dash, finishing fifth; and

WHEREAS, When the final points were counted, DeSoto became just the third girls' track team to win five straight titles and the first to do so in the UIL's largest classification; the victory also earned the school its ninth state crown overall, moving the Lady Eagles into a tie for second in the tally of most all-time girls' state track championships; throughout the season, the team benefited from the able guidance of head coach June Villers and assistant coaches Jackie Davis, Anteneshia Lindsey-Jones, Paul Beattie, Doug Cox, and T. J. Bell; and

WHEREAS, In winning five state championships in a row, the DeSoto High School girls' track team has distinguished itself as a true powerhouse in the sport, and the members of the 2021 squad may take justifiable pride in their outstanding accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School girls' track team on winning the 2021 UIL 6A state championship and extend to the team's athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1158 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House