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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The girls' and boys' track and field teams from Panhandle High School closed out the year with exceptional performances at the 2021 University Interscholastic League Track & Field State Meet; and

WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school athletes in the state at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on May 7, the Pantherettes dominated the Class 2A competition, winning the team championship and three individual titles and finishing with 74 total points, 28 more than its closest competitor; the triumph marked the program's first state crown since 1967; and

WHEREAS, In the relay events, the 4x400-meter team of Skylar Maurer, Emmery Sides, Sydney Adee, and Macklynn Land recorded a victorious time of 3 minutes, 56.09 seconds, setting a new 2A state record; in addition, Ms. Maurer, Ms. Adee, Ms. Land, and Mason Jones won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.42 seconds, and Ms. Maurer, Ms. Jones, Lauren Gonzales, and Annison Thomas claimed the bronze in the 4x200-meter relay, crossing the finish line in 1 minute, 44.12 seconds; and

WHEREAS, In the individual events, Ms. Land repeated as the state champion in the 400-meter run with a time of 56.01 seconds, and Ms. Adee completed the 300-meter hurdles in 46.32 seconds to clinch the bronze; Ms. Sides contributed to the Pantherette point total by finishing fourth in the 800-meter run, as did Ms. Maurer with her fifth-place showing in the pole vault; in addition, Ms. Thomas was seventh in the 100-meter dash; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Panhandle boys' team entered the state meet with strong momentum, having won the Region 1-2A title, and their efforts at the UIL competition in Austin ultimately earned the Panthers fifth place in the 2A state team standings; Alex Thompson paced the squad by earning a silver medal in the 110-meter hurdles and a gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles with times of 14.78 and 38.87 seconds, respectively; moreover, the 4x100-meter relay team of Zion Mercer, Zach Wood, Luke Battle, and Landyn Hack placed fifth, and fine performances were also turned in by Mr. Wood, who finished sixth in the 100-meter dash, and Clint Maurer, who was sixth in the 800-meter run and fourth in the pole vault; and

WHEREAS, Led by head coach Corby Maurer, these determined young Texans have excelled through skill, hard work, and an enduring commitment to excellence, and they are a source of tremendous pride to their classmates and their many supporters in the local community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Panhandle High School girls' and boys' track and field teams on their success at the 2021 UIL Track & Field State Meet and extend to the athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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