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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hardin-Jefferson High School girls' basketball
2 team enjoyed an exceptional 2020-2021 campaign, claiming the
3 district title, winning 35 consecutive games, and advancing all the
4 way to the University Interscholastic League 4A state championship
5 contest at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

6 WHEREAS, After compiling a flawless record of 23 wins and
7 zero losses in the regular season, the Lady Hawks embarked on an
8 exciting postseason run; they defeated the teams from Bridge City,
9 El Campo, and Silsbee by wide margins, then knocked off China Spring
10 and La Vega High Schools to earn their second trip to the state
11 tournament in the past three years; and

12 WHEREAS, In the semifinals against Boerne, Hardin-Jefferson
13 entered the second half with a slim four-point advantage before
14 pulling away for a commanding 73-54 victory; squaring off against
15 Canyon High School in the state finale, the Lady Hawks turned in a
16 valiant effort in a hard-fought game but ultimately fell short,
17 ending their season with a stellar record of 29 wins and only one
18 loss; and

19 WHEREAS, Junior Ashlon Jackson and sophomore Molly Beavers
20 were recognized for their impressive performances during the final
21 two games in San Antonio, earning selection to the Texas Girls
22 Coaches Association All-Tournament Team; Ms. Jackson previously
23 earned the same distinction as a freshmen in 2019; and

24 WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Lady Hawks

1 also received valuable contributions throughout the year from the
2 other members of the roster: Kassidi Riley, Jalyn Wright, Kendall
3 Sneed, Audie Rogers, Jada Pleasant, Savannah McDonald, India
4 McMahon, Makenna Henry, Rylee Wirth, Ashlyn Yarbrough, and Kenasha
5 Semien; these dedicated athletes were guided by head coach Mike
6 Fogo and assistant coaches Kris Rogers, Omar Sneed, Erin Smith, and
7 Kerry Sims; and

8 WHEREAS, With their exceptional skill and unwavering
9 commitment to excellence, the Hardin-Jefferson Lady Hawks earned a
10 place among the top high school basketball teams in Texas, and they
11 are a source of tremendous pride to their classmates and their many
12 supporters in the local community; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Hardin-Jefferson High School
15 girls' basketball team on advancing to the 2021 UIL 4A state
16 championship game and extend to the team's players, coaches, and
17 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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