

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School girls' basketball team closed
2 out an unforgettable year in triumphant fashion by winning the 2021
3 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Following a stellar performance in the regular
5 season, the Lady Eagles continued to showcase their stifling
6 defense in the playoffs; opening with wins over Killeen Shoemaker,
7 Tyler Legacy, Garland Sachse, and Langham Creek High Schools,
8 DeSoto went on to upend defending state champion Duncanville High
9 52-39 for the regional crown; moving on to the state tournament at
10 the Alamodome in San Antonio, the team bested South Grand Prairie
11 High 63-52 in the semifinals to advance to the championship game on
12 March 11; and

13 WHEREAS, Determined to reverse the heartbreak of 2019, when
14 their title bid fell short by three points, the Lady Eagles battled
15 for the crown against top-ranked and undefeated Cypress Creek High
16 School; after trailing by 11 points in the second quarter, DeSoto
17 ignited an impressive run to claim a 27-24 halftime lead; the Lady
18 Eagles dominated the rest of the way, shutting down their foe's
19 high-powered offense and sealing the outcome from the free-throw
20 line; prevailing by the decisive score of 53-37, the DeSoto players
21 celebrated the first state championship in program history; and

22 WHEREAS, The Lady Eagles were led by championship game Most
23 Valuable Player Sa'Myah Smith, who joined Kendall Brown and Ayanna
24 Thompson on the 6A All-Tournament Team; the Lady Eagles also

1 received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other
2 members of the roster: DeShayla Harris, Mylasia Smith, Kayla
3 Glover, Ja'Mia Harris, Miah Payton, Tionna Herron, Jiya Perry,
4 Michayla Gatewood, Amina Muhammad, Kaliyah Parker, Ariyanna Hines,
5 Nadia Johnson, and Nisaa Muhammad; and

6 WHEREAS, These talented student-athletes were ably guided by
7 head coach Andrea Robinson and assistant coaches Kadi Creel,
8 Catherine Williams, and Darmarcous Crockett; the team also received
9 enthusiastic support from superintendent Dr. D'Andre Weaver,
10 principal Shon Joseph, director of athletics Larry Davis, athletic
11 trainer David Young, student manager Mykali Ford, student trainers
12 Corrie Crawford and Khiya Cockerham, and statistician James Beal;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
15 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
16 commitment to excellence, and the members of the DeSoto girls'
17 basketball team will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for
18 the rest of their lives; now, therefore, be it

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

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
26 House of Representatives.

Davis

H.R. No. 438

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 438 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House