

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School girls' basketball team proved
2 itself one of the finest in the Lone Star State when it claimed the
3 2021 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship on
4 March 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, With the title game victory, the Lady Eagles hoisted
6 the trophy for the first time in school history and wrapped up a
7 year in which they excelled from start to finish; the team dropped
8 just two games in the regular season and emerged as the District
9 11-6A champions; in the playoffs, the DeSoto players dominated
10 their opponents in their journey to the state tournament, winning
11 each of their first four games by more than 30 points and then
12 knocking off Duncanville High 52-39 to claim the regional title;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Lady Eagles bested South Grand Prairie in the
15 semifinals and then took the floor against unbeaten and top-ranked
16 Cypress Creek High School to battle for the championship; DeSoto
17 fell behind early but rallied to take the lead late in the second
18 quarter; after intermission, the Lady Eagles took command of the
19 contest, holding Cypress Creek to just 13 second-half points and
20 steadily widening their lead to win by a final score of 53-37; and

21 WHEREAS, Guided by head coach Andrea Robinson and assistant
22 coach Kadi Creel, the Lady Eagles were led in the championship game
23 by Most Valuable Player Sa'Myah Smith, who tallied 10 points and 14
24 rebounds, and Kendall Brown, who netted 12 points; the Lady Eagles

1 also benefited throughout the year from the hard work of 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, Ayanna Thompson, Amina Muhammad, Kaliyah
5 Parker, Ariyanna Hines, Nadia Johnson, and Nisaa Muhammad; and

6 WHEREAS, Fulfilling the hopes of their classmates and their
7 many community supporters, the DeSoto Lady Eagles have earned a
8 place among the elite teams to become basketball state champions,
9 and they may reflect with pride on their extraordinary
10 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School girls'
13 basketball team on winning the 2021 UIL 6A state championship and
14 extend to all those associated with the team sincere best wishes for
15 continued success; and, be it further

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

Sherman, Sr.

H.R. No. 449

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 449 was adopted by the House on April 1, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House