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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Iola High School volleyball team proved itself
2 one of the finest in Texas by winning the 2020 University
3 Interscholastic League 2A state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Following an impressive performance during the
5 regular season, the Lady Bulldogs continued to excel in the
6 playoffs, dispatching Malakoff Cross Roads, Colmesneil, Evadale,
7 and Gary High Schools to reach the regional final; there, Iola
8 defeated Beckville High in four games, and the team went on to
9 easily best Thrall High in the semifinals to punch its ticket to the
10 November 21 state finale in Garland; and

11 WHEREAS, Iola battled for the crown against Crawford High
12 School in a rematch of the 2017 title game; determined to avenge
13 that loss, the Lady Bulldogs built a two-set lead by the scores of
14 25-21 and 25-20; the momentum shifted in the third frame when
15 Crawford broke a 15-all tie and went on to force a fourth game;
16 demonstrating tremendous poise and confidence down the stretch, the
17 Lady Bulldogs dominated at the net to prevail 25-17, claiming the
18 third state championship in program history; Iola ended its 2020
19 campaign with an exceptional record of 30 wins and just one defeat;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Lady Bulldogs were led by championship game Most
22 Valuable Player Cadence Hoyle, who racked up 26 kills in the title
23 match and was joined on the 2A All-Tournament Team by Jenna
24 McDougald and Ava Pointer; Iola also received valuable

1 contributions throughout the year from the other members of the
2 roster: Brooke Smithy, Lacey Wheaton, Anna Barnett, Chloe Vaughn,
3 and Lindsey Gooch; these talented student-athletes were ably guided
4 by head coach Jamie McDougald and assistants Steve Westbrook and
5 John Reed; and

6 WHEREAS, Through countless hours of hard work and an
7 unwavering commitment to excellence, the Iola Lady Bulldogs
8 realized their season-long goal of becoming state champions, and
9 they are a source of great pride to their school and to their many
10 supporters in the community; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Iola High School volleyball
13 team on winning the 2020 UIL 2A state championship and extend to the
14 team's players, coaches, and staff 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 Iola Lady Bulldogs as an expression of high regard
18 by the Texas House of Representatives.