

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School girls' track team continued
2 its tradition of excellence by claiming its fifth consecutive Class
3 6A championship at the 2021 University Interscholastic League Track
4 & Field State Meet; and

5 WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school competitors at
6 Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on May 8, the Lady Eagles were paced
7 by their relay squads; Amelliah Birdow, Mia Abraham, Trinity Kirk,
8 and Logan Neely captured the gold medal in the 4x200-meter event
9 with a time of 1 minute, 36.93 seconds, while the quartet of
10 Ms. Birdow, Lacie Deboskie, Ms. Kirk, and Ms. Neely completed the
11 4x400-meter relay in 3 minutes, 45.06 seconds, to win the silver
12 medal; moreover, Jalaysi'ya Smith, Ja'Era Griffin, Ms. Kirk, and
13 Ms. Abraham earned the bronze in the 4x100-meter relay, clocking in
14 at 45.22 seconds; and

15 WHEREAS, In the individual events, Ms. Smith led the way with
16 a gold medal in the 100-meter hurdles; her time of 12.93 seconds
17 would have been a state-meet and national record if the wind reading
18 of 6.1 had not been over the allowable limit of 2.0; she also
19 collected a silver in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.46
20 seconds; in the same event, Ms. Neely added to the Lady Eagle point
21 total with a fourth-place finish, crossing the finish line in 42.92
22 seconds; in addition, Ms. Griffin competed in the 100-meter dash,
23 finishing fifth; and

24 WHEREAS, When the final points were counted, DeSoto became

1 just the third girls' track team to win five straight titles and the
2 first to do so in the UIL's largest classification; the victory also
3 earned the school its ninth state crown overall, moving the Lady
4 Eagles into a tie for second in the tally of most all-time girls'
5 state track championships; throughout the season, the team
6 benefited from the able guidance of head coach June Villers and
7 assistant coaches Jackie Davis, Anteneshia Lindsey-Jones, Paul
8 Beattie, Doug Cox, and T. J. Bell; and

9 WHEREAS, In winning five state championships in a row, the
10 DeSoto High School girls' track team has distinguished itself as a
11 true powerhouse in the sport, and the members of the 2021 squad may
12 take justifiable pride in their outstanding accomplishments; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School girls' track
16 team on winning the 2021 UIL 6A state championship and extend to the
17 team's athletes, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
18 continued success; and, be it further

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

Davis
Sherman, Sr.

H.R. No. 1158

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1158 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House