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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The girls' and boys' track and field teams from  
2 Panhandle High School closed out the year with exceptional  
3 performances at the 2021 University Interscholastic League Track &  
4 Field State Meet; and

5           WHEREAS, Joining the other top high school athletes in the  
6 state at Mike A. Myers Stadium in Austin on May 7, the Pantherettes  
7 dominated the Class 2A competition, winning the team championship  
8 and three individual titles and finishing with 74 total points, 28  
9 more than its closest competitor; the triumph marked the program's  
10 first state crown since 1967; and

11           WHEREAS, In the relay events, the 4x400-meter team of Skylar  
12 Maurer, Emmerly Sides, Sydney Adee, and Macklynn Land recorded a  
13 victorious time of 3 minutes, 56.09 seconds, setting a new 2A state  
14 record; in addition, Ms. Maurer, Ms. Adee, Ms. Land, and Mason  
15 Jones won the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.42 seconds, and  
16 Ms. Maurer, Ms. Jones, Lauren Gonzales, and Annison Thomas claimed  
17 the bronze in the 4x200-meter relay, crossing the finish line in 1  
18 minute, 44.12 seconds; and

19           WHEREAS, In the individual events, Ms. Land repeated as the  
20 state champion in the 400-meter run with a time of 56.01 seconds,  
21 and Ms. Adee completed the 300-meter hurdles in 46.32 seconds to  
22 clinch the bronze; Ms. Sides contributed to the Pantherette point  
23 total by finishing fourth in the 800-meter run, as did Ms. Maurer  
24 with her fifth-place showing in the pole vault; in addition,

1 Ms. Thomas was seventh in the 100-meter dash; and

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Panhandle boys' team entered the  
3 state meet with strong momentum, having won the Region 1-2A title,  
4 and their efforts at the UIL competition in Austin ultimately  
5 earned the Panthers fifth place in the 2A state team standings; Alex  
6 Thompson paced the squad by earning a silver medal in the 110-meter  
7 hurdles and a gold medal in the 300-meter hurdles with times of  
8 14.78 and 38.87 seconds, respectively; moreover, the 4x100-meter  
9 relay team of Zion Mercer, Zach Wood, Luke Battle, and Landyn Hack  
10 placed fifth, and fine performances were also turned in by  
11 Mr. Wood, who finished sixth in the 100-meter dash, and Clint  
12 Maurer, who was sixth in the 800-meter run and fourth in the pole  
13 vault; and

14 WHEREAS, Led by head coach Corby Maurer, these determined  
15 young Texans have excelled through skill, hard work, and an  
16 enduring commitment to excellence, and they are a source of  
17 tremendous pride to their classmates and their many supporters in  
18 the local community; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate the Panhandle High School girls'  
21 and boys' track and field teams on their success at the 2021 UIL  
22 Track & Field State Meet and extend to the athletes, coaches, and  
23 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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