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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The West Texas A&M University rodeo team continued a
2 proud tradition of success with its outstanding performances over
3 the course of the 2021 season; and

4 WHEREAS, Forty members from around the country compete in the
5 WTAMU program, which came into existence more than a quarter
6 century ago and has produced four regional champions and four
7 College National Finals Rodeo qualifiers in the past five years
8 alone; the Buffaloes enjoy tremendous support from the Texas
9 Panhandle community and the university and were awarded over 20
10 scholarships in 2020; and

11 WHEREAS, West Texas A&M was paced in 2021 by Hayden Cape, who
12 was second in Southwest Region team roping heeling and will compete
13 at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Finals in June;
14 excelling in team roping all year, he won the title in Levelland,
15 won the long round and was second in average and points in both
16 Sweetwater and Big Spring, and placed second overall in
17 Stephenville; and

18 WHEREAS, The Buffaloes received stellar showings throughout
19 their campaign; in the team's first event in Odessa, Kallen Johnson
20 and Owen Wahlert earned berths in the calf roping finals, each
21 winning points and respectively placing in the average and long
22 round; additionally, at Big Spring, Mr. Johnson was awarded points
23 and placed in round and average in tie-down roping; and

24 WHEREAS, At Levelland, Brian Gillen achieved tie-down roping

1 points, winning the long round and placing in average for WTAMU, and
2 breakaway roper Shelby Espenson secured points and placed in the
3 long round; team roper Weston Hollowell won the long round and was
4 second in the average and earned points in Sweetwater, and he placed
5 in the long round at Stephenville; in Snyder, Calli Montague placed
6 in average and earned points in breakaway roping, and Amie Hennen
7 won points and placed in the barrel racing long round; and

8 WHEREAS, West Texas A&M also received valuable contributions
9 from the other members of the roster: Lexi Bartley, Cameron Bass,
10 Winston Brown, Lucy Gordon, Ericka Heckman, Cade Holden, Kooper
11 Huddleston, Elena Jenow, Dylan Jones, Konnar Knotwell, Georgie
12 Lage, Madison Milligan, Cooper Morris, Madison Pritchard, Blake
13 Ramsey, Jace Roselle, Sierra Sharp, Jayden Shearer, and Ashlyn
14 Williams; these talented student-athletes were ably led by head
15 coach Raymond Hollabaugh and assistant coach Jordan Jo Fabrizio;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The WTAMU Buffaloes have furthered their school's
18 exceptional record of achievement in rodeo, and they may indeed
19 reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the West Texas A&M University rodeo
22 team on its successful 2021 season and extend to the squad sincere
23 best 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.