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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Canyon High School Lady Eagles basketball team
2 furthered its tradition of excellence by winning the 2021
3 University Interscholastic League 4A state championship at the
4 Alamodome in San Antonio on March 11; and

5 WHEREAS, After losing just a single game in the regular
6 season, the Lady Eagles claimed the district title and carried
7 their momentum into the playoffs; the team bested Big Spring, San
8 Elizario, Levelland, Glen Rose, and Bridgeport High Schools to
9 reach the state tournament and then secured a berth in the
10 championship contest by defeating Dallas Pinkston in the
11 semifinals; and

12 WHEREAS, Facing off against previously undefeated
13 Hardin-Jefferson High School, the Lady Eagles found themselves in a
14 thrilling battle for the state crown; with the team trailing 52-48
15 with less than two minutes left in the game, Lady Eagles Kenadee
16 Winfrey and Zoey McBroom drilled back-to-back three-pointers to
17 steal the lead for Canyon, and Taylor Thomas sank two free throws in
18 the final 30 seconds to seal the 56-55 victory; the Canyon players
19 hoisted the trophy for the 20th time in school history, further
20 cementing the program's reputation as one of the powerhouses of
21 Texas girls' basketball; and

22 WHEREAS, Chloe Callahan was named the championship game Most
23 Valuable Player after scoring a team-high 17 points, and she was
24 joined on the All-Tournament Team by Ms. Thomas and Ms. Winfrey;

1 the Lady Eagles also received significant contributions throughout
2 the season from the other members of the roster: Bella Hayden, Neely
3 Wood, Ryleigh Taylor, Whitney Willeford, Kyla Cobb, Karlie Venhaus,
4 Kenadee Bennett, Kross Hiatt, Logan Trujillo, and Abree Winfrey;
5 these talented young athletes were ably guided by first-year head
6 coach Tate Lombard and assistant coaches Johnny Hampton, Kerry
7 Moss, and Joe Lombard, with additional support from managers Adrian
8 Ellison and Audrey Tankersley; and

9 WHEREAS, The members of the Lady Eagles basketball team
10 demonstrated commendable skill, determination, and heart during
11 their triumphant quest for the state championship, and they may
12 reflect with well-deserved pride on this extraordinary
13 achievement; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Canyon High School girls'
16 basketball team on winning the 2021 UIL 4A state championship and
17 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
18 wishes for the future; 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.