

By: Smithee

H.R. No. 1879

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team of Texline High School  
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2021 University  
3 Interscholastic League 1A state championship on March 12 at the  
4 Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5           WHEREAS, Demonstrating determination and skill throughout  
6 the year, the Tornadoes posted an impressive regular season record  
7 of 19 wins and four losses; Texline carried its momentum into the  
8 playoffs, dispatching Amherst, Turkey Valley, Springlake-Earth,  
9 Jayton, and Paducah High Schools to punch its ticket to the state  
10 tournament; and

11           WHEREAS, Following a hard-fought 58-56 victory over Clyde  
12 Eula High, the Tornadoes battled for the crown against Slidell High  
13 School; in a closely contested thriller, Texline enjoyed a  
14 two-point lead at halftime before pulling away in the third quarter  
15 to go up 44-32; Slidell staged a late rally and held the lead  
16 several times in the closing minutes, but a clutch three-point shot  
17 from William Luther with 12 seconds remaining gave the Tornadoes a  
18 54-53 triumph; the team collected the school's second boys'  
19 basketball state title, having previously hoisted the trophy in  
20 2015; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Luther was named the championship game Most  
22 Valuable Player after finishing with 21 points, 10 rebounds, 3  
23 steals, 3 assists, and 3 blocks; he was joined on the All-Tournament  
24 team by Elias Espino and Stratton Potter; and

1           WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, the Tornadoes  
2 also received valuable contributions over the course of the season  
3 from the other members of the roster: Colton Luther, Noel Lozano,  
4 Angel Herrera, Hayden Drumm, Eduard Martinez, Samuel Montes, Luke  
5 Spielman, and Landon Sneller; these determined student-athletes  
6 were ably guided by head coach Coby Beckner and assistant coaches  
7 Travis Stump and Ross Perschbacher, and the players also received  
8 valuable support from managers Jimmy Fernandez, Kaleb Whitney, and  
9 Joe Clay; and

10           WHEREAS, In proving themselves one of the finest basketball  
11 teams in the Lone Star State in 2021, the Texline Tornadoes have  
12 become a source of great pride to their many supporters in the local  
13 community, and the players will forever treasure their memories of  
14 this admirable achievement; now, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texline High School boys'  
17 basketball team on winning the 2021 UIL 1A state championship and  
18 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
19 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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