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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' basketball team from Amarillo High School
2 distinguished itself by advancing to the semifinals of the 2021
3 University Interscholastic League 5A playoffs; and

4 WHEREAS, After compiling an impressive record of 19 wins and
5 just three losses during the regular season, the Sandies embarked
6 on an exciting postseason run in which they defeated the teams from
7 Wylie, Bel Air, Andress, and Timberview High Schools to advance to
8 the regional finals; and

9 WHEREAS, Matching up against Mansfield Summit High on March
10 5, the Amarillo players trailed their opponents by three points at
11 halftime before taking charge in the second half; the Sandies'
12 inside play and rebounding sparked a 7-2 run to give them the lead
13 entering the fourth quarter; strong defense and clutch free-throw
14 shooting down the stretch secured a 60-51 win and punched the team's
15 ticket to the state tournament for the first time since 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sandies faced the Kimball Knights on March 9 at
17 Angelo State University; the Amarillo players gave their all in a
18 tough battle, but they were narrowly bested by a final score of
19 60-56, ending the year with an impressive overall record of 24 wins
20 and four losses; and

21 WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the Sandies received
22 valuable contributions from each member of the roster: Owen Boyett,
23 Slade Simpson, Xa Landry-Britton, C. J. Nickerson, Drew Shafer,
24 Cooper Pillion, Braden Hausen, Brendan Hausen, Mason Graham, Cade

1 Hornecker, Damonze Woods, Chris Dees, and Javin Daniels; these
2 determined student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Jason
3 Pillion and assistant coaches Jacob Dawson, Benji Hausen, and Nate
4 Skelton, and the team also benefited from the contributions of
5 managers Trevor Williams, Jaxon Walls, and Preston Daniel and
6 trainers Jena Phillips, Josh Bowles, and Tayden Etheredge; and

7 WHEREAS, Demonstrating a combination of exceptional talent
8 and fierce determination, the Amarillo Sandies turned in an
9 unforgettable performance during the 2020-2021 campaign, and their
10 success is a source of great pride to their many supporters in the
11 local community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Amarillo High School boys'
14 basketball team on advancing to the 5A semifinals of the 2021 UIL
15 state tournament and commend the team's players, coaches, and staff
16 on a job well done; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the Sandies as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.