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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The volleyball team from Grand Oaks High School in
2 Spring capped an exceptional year by winning the 6A championship at
3 the 2023 University Interscholastic League Volleyball State
4 Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, After losing only one regular-season match and
6 claiming the district title, the Grizzlies surged through the
7 playoffs, besting Houston Nimitz, Langham Creek, Bridgeland,
8 Sachse, and Tomball Memorial High Schools to punch their ticket to
9 the state tournament in Garland; demonstrating great resolve after
10 falling behind 2-0 in the semifinals against Prosper, Grand Oaks
11 roared back to claim the next three games for a thrilling five-set
12 victory; and

13 WHEREAS, On November 18, Grand Oaks battled Cinco Ranch High
14 School of Katy for the 6A crown; dominating at the net and from the
15 service line, the Grizzlies staged key rallies to sweep their
16 opponent in straight sets, 25-22, 25-23, 25-13; with the victory,
17 Grand Oaks brought home the first state title in program history and
18 closed out the 2023 campaign with a remarkable 50-1 record; and

19 WHEREAS, Grand Oaks was led by Halle Thompson, the Most
20 Valuable Player of the title match, who was joined on the 6A
21 All-Tournament Team by Jaela Auguste and Samara Coleman; the
22 Grizzlies also received valuable contributions throughout the
23 season from the other members of the roster: Samantha Sampson,
24 Audrey Terry, Kalin Wardell, Caelyn Emmerling, Kenzie Padgett,

1 Jayla Davis, A'talia Kelly, Carly Johnson, Cali Reece, Jonaida
2 Donowa, Hailey Lotspeich, Brookelynn Anderson, Brooklynn Sheridan,
3 and Julia Flessas; these talented student-athletes were ably guided
4 by head coach Morgan Rogers and assistant coaches Jason Clair,
5 Shaun Anderson, and Madison Hardgrave; and

6 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
7 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
8 commitment to excellence, and the Grand Oaks Grizzlies will
9 treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their
10 lives; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
12 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate the Grand Oaks
13 High School volleyball team on winning the 2023 UIL 6A state
14 championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere
15 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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