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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Dallas chess team continued its tradition of excellence by winning the 2023 Southwest Collegiate Team Championship, held on February 25 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock; and

WHEREAS, Following a strong showing in December at the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship in Seattle, UTD sent two teams to the Southwest Collegiate Team Championship, where they competed against five other Texas universities in a five-round, rapid-style tournament; the UTD A Team captured first place, thanks in part to a consequential 2-1 victory in match No. 3 over a squad from The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; moreover, the UTD B Team turned in a quality performance to earn fourth place at the event; with their success in Lubbock, the UTD chess players qualified for the 2023 Texas Collegiate Super Finals; and

WHEREAS, The A Team was paced by grandmaster David Brodsky, who swept his slate of matches to score a 5.0, and the group also received valuable contributions from grandmasters Rahul Peddi and Ivan Schitco; the B Team consisted of international masters Andrei Macovei, Eyal Grinberg, and Karolis Juksta; these accomplished players benefited from the leadership and support of coach Julio Sadorra; and

WHEREAS, Through the skill, hard work, and unwavering determination of its members, The University of Texas at Dallas chess program has built a notable record of achievement, and all those associated with the team are to be commended for their exceptional efforts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate The University of Texas at Dallas chess team on winning the 2023 Southwest Collegiate Team Championship and extend to the players and Coach Sadorra sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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