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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The girls' basketball team of La Vega High School in  
2 Waco proved itself one of the finest in the Lone Star State by  
3 winning the 2023 University Interscholastic League 4A state  
4 championship at the Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5           WHEREAS, During the regular season, La Vega lost just five  
6 games before going 10-0 to claim the district title; the Lady  
7 Pirates then embarked on a thrilling playoff run, besting Jarrell,  
8 Houston Yates, Marble Falls, Hardin-Jefferson, and Madisonville  
9 High Schools to earn the school's sixth trip to the state  
10 tournament; the team faced off against Glen Rose High School in the  
11 semifinals, securing a 50-48 decision to advance to the title game;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, On March 4, La Vega battled Sunnyvale High School  
14 for the state crown; combining ferocious defense with hot shooting  
15 from three-point range, the Lady Pirates opened with an 11-0 run and  
16 led by 10 at intermission; Sunnyvale rallied, pulling within three  
17 points late in the game, but the Lady Pirates demonstrated  
18 impressive poise and confidence and sealed the outcome from the  
19 free-throw line; triumphing by the final score of 46-38, the La Vega  
20 players celebrated the second state championship in program  
21 history; and

22           WHEREAS, La Vega was paced by Championship Game Most Valuable  
23 Player Kiyleyah Parr, who was joined by Kenzi Mitchell on the 4A  
24 All-Tournament Team; over the course of the season, the Lady

1 Pirates also received valuable contributions from the other members  
2 of the roster: Ja'Dyn Iglehart, Mar'Cyah Willis, CeMaria Kelly,  
3 Alaysia Gude, Cra'Lajah Bradley, Kya Mitchell, Sydney McKinney,  
4 Jermarrianna Daniel, Ri'Azia Smith, Solange Loadholt, Andrea  
5 Johnson, and Angela Carroll; these determined student-athletes  
6 were ably guided by head coach Marcus Willis Sr. and assistant  
7 coaches Sherry Salter, James Brown, Michael Mitchell, LaNita Keys,  
8 Victoria Kuykendall, and Lisa Edney; and

9 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the  
10 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering  
11 commitment to excellence, and the La Vega Lady Pirates will  
12 treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their  
13 lives; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the La Vega High School girls'  
16 basketball team on winning the 2023 UIL 4A state championship and  
17 extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
18 continued success; and, be it further

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