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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Lufkin High School Panther Band continued its 2 proud tradition of excellence by claiming the Class 5A/6A state 3 championship at the 2024 University Interscholastic League State 4 Military Class Marching Band Contest on October 30; and

5 WHEREAS, Joining other top competitors from across the Lone 6 Star State at Baylor University McLane Stadium in Waco, the Lufkin 7 High band members achieved a total score of nine ordinals to take 8 home the coveted state title; for the competition, the ensemble 9 performed "Legacy Fanfare" by Timothy Rhea, "Gloria March" by 10 F. H. Losey, "The Viking March" and "The Purple Pageant March" by 11 K. L. King, and "The Sinfonians" by Clifton Williams; and

WHEREAS, This latest victory marks the third consecutive state championship for the Panther Band; Lufkin High also collected National Association of Military Marching Bands state titles in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 before the UIL began sponsoring the state event; and

WHEREAS, The Panther Band is made up of 139 students; throughout the year, these talented performers benefit from the leadership of Lufkin High School's band director, George Little, and assistant directors Brandon Beavers, Aubrianne Wattigney, Tommy Smith, Hannah Terral, and Jonathan Palomino; participants also took their cues from drum majors Lucy Lantis and Maddie Minter; and

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WHEREAS, By accomplishing the rare feat of winning three

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1 consecutive state titles, the members of the Lufkin High School 2 Panther Band have burnished their reputation as a marching band 3 dynasty, and their accomplishments are a source of great pride to 4 their school and their many supporters in the community; now, 5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature 7 hereby congratulate the Lufkin High School Panther Band on winning 8 the 5A/6A championship at the 2024 UIL State Military Class 9 Marching Band Contest and extend to all those associated with the 10 ensemble sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it 11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 13 prepared for the Panther Band as an expression of high regard by the 14 Texas Senate.

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