

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 704

WHEREAS, The Tatum High School boys' basketball team reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2025 University Interscholastic League 3A Division 1 state championship; and

WHEREAS, Tatum began its journey to the title with an impressive run in the regular season, clinching the district crown with a perfect 12-0 record against its league opponents; continuing to excel in the playoffs, the Eagles dispatched Mineola, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau, Ponder, and Jefferson High Schools to earn their fifth all-time state semifinals appearance; with a 77-38 blowout victory against Iowa Park High School, the squad punched its ticket to the state finale; and

WHEREAS, On March 7, Tatum battled for the title against Columbus High School; taking control from the outset, the Eagles erupted for a 14-0 run in the first quarter and shot a blistering 62 percent from the field in the next frame to take a 50-19 lead into the locker room; the offensive onslaught continued in the second half, with the Eagles building a 25-point cushion entering the fourth quarter; emerging triumphant by the final score of 84-49, Tatum claimed the program's inaugural state championship and finished the season with an outstanding record of 32-2; and

WHEREAS, The Eagles were led by Championship Game Most Valuable Player Luke Sigler, who recorded 26 points and seven rebounds; he was joined by JaCorie Bradley, Jordan Chambers, and Cooper Whiteus on the 3A Division 1 All-Tournament Team; Tatum also received valuable contributions throughout the year from the other members of the roster: Cayden Tatum, Grayson Lee, Kenneton Harrison, Nalayus Boyd, Quincy Davis, Carlos Hernandez, Namhun Kim, Nick Dsouza, Koby Bridges, DaMarion Tolbert, and

Brandon Howard; these determined student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Brett Carr and assistant coaches Jayme Bradley, Daniel Carr, Henry Brown, and Clancy Parker; and

WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and the Tatum Eagles will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Tatum High School boys' basketball team on winning the 2025 UIL 3A Division 1 state championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Eagles as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate