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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Oak Cliff Faith Family Academy boys' basketball
2 team reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2019 University
3 Interscholastic League 4A state championship on March 9 at the
4 Alamodome in San Antonio; and

5 WHEREAS, After earning the District 10 title in the regular
6 season, the Eagles dispatched playoff foes River Oaks Castleberry,
7 Melissa, Dallas Carter, Texarkana Pleasant Grove, and Dallas
8 Hutchins High Schools to advance to the state tournament; and

9 WHEREAS, The Faith Family Academy players opened with an
10 80-74 semifinal decision over Houston Yates and then battled
11 Liberty Hill High School for the state crown in front of more than
12 11,000 fans at the Alamodome; trailing by 12 points in the third
13 quarter, the Eagles mounted a furious comeback, claiming a
14 seven-point lead late in the final frame; after Liberty Hill tied
15 the game with 20 seconds left, Jordan Walsh slammed home a dunk as
16 time expired, giving Faith Family Academy a thrilling 53-51 victory
17 and the first state crown in the school's history; and

18 WHEREAS, Most Valuable Player Trae Clayton led Faith Family
19 Academy's winning effort, scoring a game-high 15 points, and he
20 joined Mr. Walsh on the 4A All-Tournament Team; the Eagles also
21 received valuable contributions throughout the 2018-2019 campaign
22 from the other members of the roster: Keith Barnes, Jaylen Brenham,
23 Langston Murphy Brown, Jeremiah Coleman, Rakeim Gary, Immanuel
24 Hooks, Malik James, Mike Lenoir, Dawaun Mims, Jacquez Ramey, and

1 Sye Thomas; these dedicated athletes were ably guided by head coach
2 and athletic director Brandon Thomas and assistant coaches Jimmy
3 Butler, Corey Cornish, Ryan Foppe, Ryan Kelly, and Maurius Miles;
4 additional support was provided by Faith Family Academy
5 superintendent Mollie Purcell, assistant superintendent Dean
6 McGuire, and principal Tien Nguyen; and

7 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
8 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
9 commitment to excellence, and the Oak Cliff Faith Family Academy
10 basketball players will treasure the memory of this accomplishment
11 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Oak Cliff Faith Family Academy
14 boys' basketball team on winning the 2019 UIL 4A state championship
15 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
16 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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