

Resolution honoring Edcouch-Elsa Power Lifting Team

Whereas the women’s powerlifting team of Edcouch-Elsa High School reached the pinnacle of success when it won the Texas High School Women’s Powerlifting Association 5A Division 1 state championship on March 19, 2022; and

Whereas the Yellow Jackets finished with 37 points from four first-place finishes, one third, two fourths and two fifths. Totals are determined by the combined weight successfully lifted in three events: squat, bench press and deadlift. Points are awarded for the top-five finishes; and

Whereas the team was paced by four individual state champion title winners: Georgina Alaniz; Anabel Martinez, a two-time gold medal winner at 97 pounds; Adrienne Anzaldua in the 105-pound weight class and Aisha Garcia in the 259+ class; and

Whereas Alaniz was awarded Best Overall Lifter and Best Squat in the lightweight class as she posted a 955 total after completing a 410-pound squat, a 195 bench press and 350 deadlift. Garcia was named Best Overall Lifter and Best Squat in the heavyweight class as she set a state record with a 605-pound squat, topping the previous record of 600 pounds set by Cleburne’s Lexi Harris in 2017. Garcia finished with a 1,250 total; and

Whereas excelling through hard work and determination, the Yellowjacket lifters benefited from the leadership of the team’s coaches. “When you learn how to unite with somebody, get along with them and be there for them, you just built up a whole champ right there,” said Georgina Alalniz, Edcouch-Elsa’s back-to-back 132-pound state champion. This year the team won for their coaches Christian Navarro, Patrick Boutwell, Desiderio Robles, and Teresa Gonzalez; and

Whereas in proving themselves one of the finest powerlifting teams in the Lone Star State in 2022, the Edcouch-Elsa Yellowjackets have won the admiration of their many supporters in the local community, and these talented competitors will forever treasure their memories of this achievement. “We worked really hard for this,” Garcia said after her record-breaking lift.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Hidalgo County Commissioners’ Court hereby congratulates the Edcouch-Elsa High School girls’ powerlifting team on winning the 2022 THSWPA 5A Division 1 state championship and extends to all those associated with the team sincere best wishes for continued success.

Approved this 3rd day of May 2022.

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County Judge

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Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.
County Clerk