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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School football team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the 2022 University Interscholastic
3 League 6A Division 2 state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, After claiming the district title in the regular
5 season, DeSoto embarked on a dominant playoff run, defeating
6 Pflugerville Weiss, Rockwall Heath, Tomball, and Killeen Harker
7 Heights High Schools to reach the semifinals; there, the Eagles
8 dispatched Denton Guyer 47-28 to punch their ticket to the state
9 final; and

10 WHEREAS, DeSoto battled for the crown against Austin
11 Vandegrift High School on December 17 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington;
12 after a scoreless first quarter, the Eagles scored three touchdowns
13 to take a lead into halftime; Vandegrift cut the lead to 21-17 in
14 the third quarter, but the Eagles roared back with three more
15 touchdowns and held their opponents scoreless for the remainder of
16 the game to triumph by the final score of 42-17; in capturing the
17 program's second championship, DeSoto became just the fifth school
18 to win state titles in spring 7-on-7 and fall 11-man football in the
19 same year; and

20 WHEREAS, Offensive Most Valuable Player Deondrae Riden Jr.
21 ran for 188 yards and 3 touchdowns in the title contest, and
22 Defensive MVP Jason Douglas tallied 5.5 tackles and 2 sacks; over
23 the course of the team's unforgettable season, the Eagles also
24 received valuable contributions from the other members of the

1 roster: Steven Clerkley, Johntay Cook II, Caimon Mathis, Jaden
2 Milliner-Jones, Tre Wisner, Crimson Mathis, Jamarion Ravenell,
3 Jaden Trawick, Kristoff Fantroy, Keshawn Jackson, DeMichael
4 Porter, Jaxson Davis, Cedric Harden Jr., Brian Hollins, Darius
5 Bailey, Marcellis Titus, Je'Shan McCoy, Armirie Williams-Hall,
6 Daylon Singleton, Mario Buford, Makali McKellar, Kevin Jamerson,
7 Akeem Rahsaan, Jai Trawick, Camden Mathis, Bryson Jones, Ja'Shaun
8 Wofford, Brandon Booker, Marvin Duffey, Davon Newman, Jamari Laye,
9 Wenston Blair, Aundre Wisner, Devon Jackson, Jeffrey Anders, Wesley
10 Hudson, Antron White, Marshall Kirven, Keylan Abrams, Robert Holt,
11 Jaylin Jones, Devon Hawkins-Cain, Kayden McGuire, Cortez Reagor,
12 Elijah Garner, Ryan White, David Williams, Caleb Williams, Joel
13 Rowlett, Leon Brigham, Maddox Contreas, Mark Duffey, Jerbralon
14 Stewart, Darien Lurks, Derrick Morris, Dylan Johnson, Xavier
15 Atkins, Ronnell McLain, Byron Washington, Vincent Williams,
16 Kendrick Frazier, Michael Head, Angel Diaz, Tristan Bailey, Justus
17 Bibles, Blake Echols, Eldren Lavan, Cedamion Burnett, Dahlyn Jones,
18 Caleb Owens, Jirus Guy Jr., Camrien Washington, Brock Wilkins,
19 Kameron Credit, Ja'Den Randle, Micah Murray, Jordan Geiger, and
20 Alex Hubbard-Robinson; and

21 WHEREAS, The Eagles were ably guided by head coach and
22 athletic director Claude Mathis, defensive coordinators Kyle Coats
23 and Aaron Babino, offensive coordinators Sean Van de Merghel and
24 Charles Williams, and assistant coaches Paul Beattie, Colton Bowen,
25 Rodney Chadwick, William Bryant, LaMarcus Franklin, Kerry Sweeny,
26 Donald Miller, Barrett Matthews, Dennis Walker, Hunter McEachern,
27 Warren Seay, Isaac Sandoval, Brian Russell, LeRon George, Joe

1 Benjamin, Joshua Pryor, Lamontra Frazier, Corey Tucker, and Joseph
2 Loyd Jr.; they further benefited from the support of principal
3 Jasen Campbell and superintendent Dr. Usamah Rodgers as well as
4 athletic trainers David Young, Daniel Dopson, Trevon Jones, and
5 Tessa McElroy, and student trainers Victoria Brooks, Zaiya Brown,
6 Ciara Cohen, Darnesha Butler, Diamond Davis, Ta'nilah Cox, Jordan
7 Edwards, Jadya Culton, Trinity Gardner, Kyra Davis, Jaya Jackson,
8 Jeremy Denson, Torriun Lawrence, Mykenzie Ford, KaReyniti Samples,
9 Jordan Frazier, Ireland Sanchez, Aurhiyona Hawkins, Onnyx
10 Sandoval, Alahna Johnigan, Dylan Sutter, Parker Johnson, Deja
11 Garner-Todd, Julian Mitchell, Louis Vazquez, Dmya Scott, Mikyrian
12 Wallace, and Olivia Williams; and

13 WHEREAS, The members of the DeSoto High School football team
14 demonstrated admirable skill and determination in winning the state
15 championship, and memories of this exemplary accomplishment will
16 resonate with their fellow students and their many supporters in
17 the local community for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School football
20 team on winning the 2022 UIL 6A Division 2 state championship and
21 extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.