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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Hidalgo Early College High School boys' soccer
2 team closed out an unforgettable year by winning the 2023
3 University Interscholastic League 4A state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Following an impressive showing during the regular
5 season, the Pirates continued to excel in the playoffs, besting
6 Rockport-Fulton, Progreso, Jubilee-Brownsville, and Austin Achieve
7 High Schools to reach the regional final; there, Hidalgo defeated
8 two-time defending state champion Boerne High to punch its ticket
9 to the state tournament in Georgetown; in the semifinals, the team
10 posted a 1-0 win over San Elizario and advanced to the state final;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, On April 14, Hidalgo battled Palestine High School
13 for the 4A crown at Birkelbach Field; the Pirates took command
14 early, racking up three goals midway through the first half and
15 relying on their stingy defense to seal the outcome; emerging
16 triumphant by the final score of 3-0, the Hidalgo players hoisted
17 the state championship trophy for the second time in program
18 history, adding to the title the school won in 2009; and

19 WHEREAS, Hidalgo was led by Reynaldo Cantu, the Championship
20 Game Most Valuable Player, who joined Ailton Cardenas, Gabriel
21 Ordonez, and Joaquin Rosales on the 4A All-Tournament Team; the
22 Pirates also received valuable contributions during the season from
23 the other members of the roster: Sergio Castaneda, Michael Banda,
24 Anthony Nava, Sebastian Yanez, Erick Montoya, Matthew Reyes,

1 Reynaldo Trevino, Ezekiel Gracia, Edson Montoya, Alfonso
2 Velazquez, Moises Moya, Angel Gonzalez, Santiago Hernandez, Caleb
3 Hosanna, Alan Espinoza, Pablo Almieda, Angel Rodriguez, Abiel
4 Guerrero, and Franco Macias; these talented student-athletes were
5 ably directed by head coach Esteban Alegria and assistant coaches
6 Guadalupe Amaya, Juan Barron, and David Slovak; 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 Hidalgo Pirates will treasure the
10 memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their lives; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Hidalgo Early College High
14 School boys' soccer team on winning the 2023 UIL 4A state
15 championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere
16 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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