

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The University of North Texas polo club proved
2 itself the finest in the nation by winning the 2023 United States
3 Polo Association Division I Men's National Intercollegiate
4 Championship on April 15; and

5 WHEREAS, Despite having only competed in the sport since
6 2018, the Mean Green polo club quickly established itself as a
7 strong contender and finished as the runner-up for the national
8 title in April 2022; after returning to action later in the year,
9 UNT logged a series of impressive wins in November, capturing the
10 Texas College Polo Championship with a 13-10 victory over Southern
11 Methodist University and then bested Cornell and the University of
12 Virginia to clinch the prestigious William S. Field Invitational
13 polo tournament and the No. 1 ranking in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, At the conclusion of the regular season, UNT joined
15 the other top teams in Charlottesville, Virginia, for the 2023
16 National Intercollegiate Championship tournament; the Mean Green
17 players first squared off against Texas A&M University in the
18 semifinals on April 13 and defeated their interstate rivals, 20-8;
19 two days later, the team took to the field for the championship
20 match, looking to avenge the loss to the University of Virginia in
21 the 2022 finale; UNT built a 5-3 advantage in the first three
22 chukkers and added to their lead after the break; demonstrating
23 tremendous poise and confidence down the stretch, UNT outscored
24 Virginia 4-1 in the fifth chukker and then dialed up the defense the

1 rest of the way to seal a 14-9 victory and the university's first
2 polo title; and

3 WHEREAS, Vaughn Miller Jr. scored 17 goals in the national
4 tournament and was joined on the All-Star team by Andrew Scott, who
5 earned the Connie Upchurch Memorial Sportsmanship Award for the
6 second time; UNT also received important contributions in the match
7 from John Dencker, Vance Miller, and Niklaus Felhaber; these
8 determined student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Vaughn
9 Miller Sr.; and

10 WHEREAS, Winning a national championship represents
11 countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to
12 excellence, and the UNT Mean Green polo players are a source of
13 tremendous pride to the entire university community; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the University of North Texas polo
17 club on winning the 2023 USPA Division I Men's National
18 Intercollegiate Championship and extend to the team's athletes,
19 coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and,
20 be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the club as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1464

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1464 was adopted by the House on May 19, 2023, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House