

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Furthering their remarkable legacy of gridiron  
2 excellence, the Carthage High School football team closed out an  
3 unforgettable year by winning the 2022 University Interscholastic  
4 League 4A Division 2 state championship; and

5           WHEREAS, The Bulldogs began their journey to the title with  
6 an undefeated regular-season run that yielded the district  
7 championship; continuing to excel in the playoffs, they bested  
8 Pittsburg, Van Alstyne, Gilmer, and Texarkana Pleasant Grove High  
9 Schools to reach the state semifinals; in that contest, Carthage  
10 clinched a thrilling 42-35 decision over Glen Rose High by scoring a  
11 touchdown with only eight seconds remaining; with the win, the team  
12 punched its ticket to the state championship game for the 10th time  
13 in school history; and

14           WHEREAS, On December 16, top-ranked Carthage battled No. 6  
15 Wimberley High School for the state crown at AT&T Stadium in  
16 Arlington; delivering impressive performances on both sides of the  
17 ball, the Bulldogs capitalized on forced turnovers and controlled  
18 the line of scrimmage, building an insurmountable 35-0 halftime  
19 lead and going on to triumph by the final score of 42-0; with the  
20 victory, Carthage collected its ninth state title, adding to its  
21 championships won in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2019, and  
22 2020, and ended the season with a perfect 16-0 record; and

23           WHEREAS, Carthage was led in the title game by Connor Cuff and  
24 Jakerrian Roquemore, the game's respective Offensive and Defensive

1 Most Valuable Players, and by Noah Paddie, who tied a 4A state final  
2 record with 191 receiving yards; the Bulldogs also received  
3 valuable contributions throughout the year from each member of the  
4 roster, and these talented student-athletes were ably guided by  
5 head coach Scott Surratt, who secured his ninth title in 15 years at  
6 the helm of the Carthage football program; and

7 WHEREAS, By accomplishing the rare feat of winning a ninth  
8 state championship, the Carthage Bulldogs have burnished their  
9 school's reputation as a gridiron powerhouse, and memories of this  
10 exceptional achievement will resonate with their fellow students  
11 and their many supporters in the local community for years to come;  
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Carthage High School football  
15 team on winning the 2022 UIL 4A Division 2 state championship and  
16 extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
17 continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1777

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1777 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House