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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Gunter High School football team continued its
2 proud tradition of success by winning the 2022 University
3 Interscholastic League 3A Division 2 state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, Ranked No. 1 to start the year, the Tigers lived up
5 to that billing, dominating their regular-season foes to take an
6 unbeaten record into the playoffs; after securing victories over
7 Trinity Leadership Cedar Hill and Jacksboro and Palmer High
8 Schools, Gunter dispatched Holliday High 31-7 in the state
9 quarterfinals; in the semifinals, the Tigers bested Canadian 21-20
10 to earn a repeat trip to the state title game and their fifth finals
11 appearance over the past seven seasons; and

12 WHEREAS, Competing at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on
13 December 15, Gunter and Poth High School faced off in a battle of
14 undefeated teams; the Tigers took control from the outset, going up
15 21-0 at halftime and extending their advantage in the second half;
16 triumphing by the final score of 42-7, the team's players hoisted
17 the championship trophy for the third time in program history,
18 adding to the crowns the school collected in 2016 and 2019; Gunter
19 closed 2022 with a perfect record of 16 wins and no losses; and

20 WHEREAS, Gunter was paced by Ashton Bennett, who ran for two
21 scores to earn the Offensive Most Valuable Player honor; teammate
22 Colin Peacock produced 4 1/2 tackles and an interception to become
23 the Defensive MVP; the team also received valuable contributions
24 throughout the year from the other members of the roster, and these

1 talented student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Jake
2 Fieszal and his staff; and

3 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is a daunting task that
4 requires countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment
5 to excellence, and the Gunter Tigers may take justifiable pride in
6 their accomplishments on the gridiron; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
8 hereby congratulate the Gunter High School football team on winning
9 the 2022 UIL 3A Division 2 state championship and extend to the
10 team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
11 continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 Senate.