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H.C.R. No. 123

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Ennis High School Lions football team again
2 ascended to the pinnacle of success after winning the 2004 Class 4A
3 Division I state championship, adding yet another memorable chapter
4 to the school's legacy of football excellence; and

5 WHEREAS, Electrifying a crowd of more than 29,000 people at
6 Texas Stadium, Ennis overcame Marshall 23-21 in a nail-biter of a
7 championship game in which the Lions tallied two fumble recoveries,
8 an intercepted pass, a safety, and a special teams touchdown to
9 capture the school's third state football title in five years; and

10 WHEREAS, The 2004 Ennis Lions football squad includes the
11 following talented athletes: Melvin Polk, Marc Malone, Jeremy
12 Brown, Ryan Marinez, Clark Harrell, Andrew Novak, Chase Willingham,
13 Kordel Griffin, Charles Sallie, Taylor Evans, Jake Brown, Dennis
14 Beasley, J. J. Vinson, Barron Lockhart, Chris Lewis, Patrick
15 Roberts, Travis Wallace, Herchel Hunt, Terron Herford, Brandon
16 Falkenbach, Jarred Tims, Courtney Henderson, Michael Davis, Scotty
17 Thornton, Aaron Blackshire, Brannon Wood, Kellen Monreal, Dustin
18 Mireles, Jerad Taylor, Bryan Norton, Lee King, Jared Munn, Derek
19 Doyle, Drew Mitchell, Jason Watson, Roy Mata, Toby Mash, Matt
20 Kelly, Anthony Jurcik, Dale Walker, Andy Arteaga, Clay Gillespie,
21 Rolando Herrera, Alex Popp, Patrick Snodgrass, Brandon Honza,
22 Brandon Novy, Larry Clem, Tim Culver, T. J. Smith, Mathew Slovacek,
23 Brad Chmelar, Chris Mummert, Issac Steele, Tommy Aguilar, Brent
24 Estes, Alex Shugart, Cortney Brooks, Jyron Walker, Mario Vasquez,

1 Jacob Yrlas, Josh Young, Stanton Beckham, Robb Rose, Mervin
2 Williams, and Greg Jones; and

3 WHEREAS, Aibly schooling these young athletes in the game's
4 fundamentals while instilling in them the values of good
5 sportsmanship and hard work were coaches Sam Harrell, Steve Marrow,
6 Paul Willingham, Jeff Berry, Andy Cellars, Kevin Kalinec, Nathan
7 Cooper, Wayne Walker, Brian Rogers, Bryan Hallmark, Vance Barton,
8 Eric Pierce, Randy Yarber, Bryan Clark, Casey Clem, Justin
9 Gilbreath, and Alex Rendon; they were supported in their efforts by
10 trainer Chad McCune and student trainers Ayana Walker, Brittany
11 Thomas, Angela Lawrence, Bittania Smith, Hilary Ross, Ginny
12 Eckeberger, Stephanie Franklin, Kathryn Elsie, Donya Carter,
13 Patrice Jackson, Kira Phillips, Erika Keilers, and Amanda Ciardo;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Demonstrating the commitment to excellence that
16 marks true champions, the Ennis football team's players are a
17 source of tremendous pride to their families and friends; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby congratulate the players, coaches, and staff members of the
21 Ennis High School Lions football team for winning the 2004 Class 4A
22 Division I state championship and commend them on their outstanding
23 season; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for prominent display at Ennis High School as an
26 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and
27 Senate.