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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The La Joya High School Coyotes football team enjoyed an outstanding 2004 campaign, advancing to the state quarterfinals for the first time in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, The Coyotes completed the 2004 season with an impressive 10-3 record and captured the district, bi-district, and regional championships; throughout the season, the team's legion of enthusiastic fans showed their support by filling Coyote Stadium, the 15,000-seat, state-of-the-art venue that is home to the pride of La Joya; and

WHEREAS, Head coach Oscar "Okie" Villasenor provided leadership and guidance for his players during the long season, instilling in them the values of teamwork and sportsmanship; his contributions, however, were not strictly limited to outlining strategies and providing encouragement, especially after the correlation between his presence at the Thursday night team dinner was linked to two early-season losses by the Coyotes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Villasenor's proactive approach to this curious phenomenon was to dine separately from the team on Thursdays and to implement his own superstitious gastronomic ritual: each Friday at lunchtime, he consumed half a barbecue chicken, a double order of beans, two corn tortillas, and a Big Red at Leo's Drive In, and this culinary combination proved to be a winning recipe for the Coyotes; and

24 WHEREAS, By recognizing these odd, yet intriguing,

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- 1 connections--and, more importantly, by demonstrating steadfast
- 2 determination and commitment at practice and on the playing
- 3 field--the team was able to rattle off an eight-game winning streak
- 4 that propelled the Coyotes into the state tournament, and this
- 5 notable achievement surely speaks well for the team's prospects
- 6 next year; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Coyotes football is an integral part of the La Joya
- 8 community, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge the many individuals
- 9 who have contributed to the success of the La Joya High School
- 10 Coyotes football team during the exciting 2004 season; now,
- 11 therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 13 Legislature hereby congratulate Coach Oscar "Okie" Villasenor and
- 14 the La Joya High School Coyotes football team on their excellent
- 15 season and commend the team's numerous fans in the community for
- 16 their tireless support; and, be it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 19 House of Representatives.