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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Panthers football team of Liberty Hill High
2 School won the University Interscholastic League Class 3A Division
3 II State Championship on December 23, 2006, taking home the first
4 state title in the school's history; and

5 WHEREAS, The championship was the culmination of a thrilling
6 and hard-fought season in which the Panthers matched up against a
7 long list of talented opponents and posted an impressive record of
8 13 wins and just two losses; the team's success was driven by a
9 hard-charging rushing attack and a spirited defense that
10 stonewalled opponents on crucial plays; and

11 WHEREAS, At no time was that more true than in the
12 championship game, where Liberty Hill faced off against the Bobcats
13 of Celina High School, a team that had won numerous state
14 championships and had posted 31 straight victories; throughout the
15 game, the Panther defense rose up on key fourth-down plays and
16 turned back Celina, including two decisive stops in the final five
17 minutes of the game; and

18 WHEREAS, Grinding out yards, the Liberty Hill offense put 19
19 points on the board in the first three quarters of the title game;
20 then, with the score tied in the final minutes of play, they took
21 possession of the ball on their own 40 yard line and engineered a
22 dramatic drive down the field; with just six seconds on the clock,
23 placekicker Gio Magallon booted a 31-yard field goal to make the
24 score 22-19 and give Liberty Hill the state title; and

1 WHEREAS, The exceptional Liberty Hill football players,
2 together with head coach Jerry Vance and the other members of the
3 Panthers staff, have achieved the ultimate level of success, and
4 the entire Liberty Hill community can take pride in this tremendous
5 achievement; the team received crucial support from the school
6 band, the cheerleaders, the Liberty Hill Belles drill team, and the
7 enthusiastic student body, and the winning spirit they helped
8 create was carried forth by parents, business owners, teachers,
9 school district administrators, and the huge number of Panther fans
10 in the local area; together, they brought about a special moment in
11 the town's history, and the 2006 football season will long be
12 remembered and celebrated by the residents of Liberty Hill; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Liberty Hill High School
16 football team for winning the UIL Class 3A Division II State
17 Championship and extend best wishes to the players, coaches, and
18 staff for continued success; and, be it further

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