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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The West Texas A&M University Buffaloes football
2 team has established itself as a Division II gridiron powerhouse
3 with outstanding campaigns during the 2005 and 2006 seasons; and

4 WHEREAS, During this period, the team posted an impressive
5 record of 21 wins and just four losses and claimed back-to-back Lone
6 Star Conference championships, becoming just the third team to
7 accomplish that feat in the past 25 years; and

8 WHEREAS, West Texas A&M's success is all the more striking in
9 that it marks a decisive improvement in the football program; after
10 winning just two games in 2004, the Buffs' 10-2 record the following
11 year was one of the most compelling turnarounds in college sports;
12 the team built on that success in 2006, going 10-1 in the regular
13 season and winning its first playoff game over Abilene Christian
14 University; with a final record of 11-2, it became the first
15 football team in the school's history to record 11 victories in a
16 season; and

17 WHEREAS, Overseeing the Buffaloes' success is head coach Don
18 Carthel, who took the helm in April 2005 and immediately instituted
19 a winning tradition at West Texas A&M; Coach Carthel has received
20 essential help from his notable staff of assistant coaches: Colby
21 Carthel, Ben Noonan, Scott Parr, Ryan Leaf, Michael Sinclair, Eric
22 Schnupp, Billy Best, Anton Paige, Lance Bruner, Cody Farrell, Nick
23 Paremski, Justin Deason, Ryan Denny, Ray Gates, Darrell Lewis, and
24 Michael Widenor; and

1 WHEREAS, Another key factor in the team's accomplishments is
2 its fervent fans; they jam Kimbrough Memorial Stadium for Buffalo
3 home games, making the school a leader in game attendance, and their
4 vocal support has also helped to boost the team's confidence; and

5 WHEREAS, With a winning combination of talent, dedication,
6 and inspired leadership, West Texas A&M has emerged as a powerful
7 and exciting team that is poised for further glory; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the West Texas A&M University
11 Buffaloes football team for its exceptional success in 2005 and
12 2006 and extend best wishes to Coach Don Carthel and his players and
13 staff for continued excellence; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.