

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' track and field team of Copperas Cove High
2 School reached the pinnacle of success by winning the University
3 Interscholastic League Class 4A state championship on May 11, 2007,
4 at the state meet in Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, In becoming the first boys' sports team from
6 Copperas Cove to claim a high school title, the Bulldawgs relied on
7 outstanding performances across a number of events; the team's
8 initial points came from Troy Vital's third-place finish in the
9 triple jump, and Rashad Hawk followed with another bronze-medal
10 win, taking third in the 100-meter dash; and

11 WHEREAS, An outstanding display of athletic excellence by
12 Robert Griffin was key to the title; Mr. Griffin won both the
13 110-meter high hurdles and 300-meter intermediate hurdles, setting
14 new state records in both events and coming within one-hundredth of
15 a second of equaling the national record in the 300; this
16 outstanding runner also joined with Troy Vital, Billy Abreu, and
17 Cleveland McKinney to take second place in the 1,600-meter relay;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Dawgs earned more gold in the 800-meter relay,
20 as Anthony Cotton, Jerrard Millsap, Rashad Hawk, and Brian Jones
21 combined to take the state title in that event and set a new school
22 record time of 1:26.01; and

23 WHEREAS, These exceptional competitors were guided by head
24 coach Tracy Raney and an able staff of assistants that includes

1 Frank Wilson, Tim Hensley, Joe Welch, Greg Porter, Jeremy Shannon,
2 Tim Theis, Ryan Youngblood, Vance McAnally, Darren Worrell, Shay
3 Adams, and Josh White; and

4 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the dream of every
5 high school athlete, and in taking home the 4A title, the members of
6 the Bulldawgs track and field team earned the esteem of their many
7 supporters in Copperas Cove and created a proud memory that will
8 remain with them throughout their lives; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' track and field team of
11 Copperas Cove High School on winning the UIL Class 4A state
12 championship and extend best wishes to the athletes and staff for
13 continued success; 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.

Miller

H.R. No. 2463

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2463 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House