## R E S OLUTION

WHEREAS, The Celina High School Bobcats captured the University Interscholastic League 3A Division 2 state football championship on December 22, 2007, with a victory over China Spring High School in the title game; and

WHEREAS, A battle-tested gridiron powerhouse, the Celina Bobcats won all 16 games they played in 2007; seven of their victories came by 40 points or more, including a 62-13 defeat of Prosper and 62-0 triumph over Van Alstyne; the $21-14$ clincher against China Spring in the state finals was the only time all season that the Bobcats won by less than 13 points; and

WHEREAS, The 2007 championship game marked the seventh time in 10 years that Celina has played for the crown; moreover, the Bobcats' victory brought their school its eighth state football title, which set a new record for the most total championships; Celina's record of excellence stretches back to the mid-1970s, and the community has come to symbolize the Lone Star State's passion for high school football, a status documented in the 2004 film Power, Passion, \& Glory: The Real Story of Texas Football Madness; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of head coach Butch Ford, Jr., the outstanding student athletes on the 2007 Celina roster have furthered their team's reputation as one of the best in the history of Texas high school football, and they may take justifiable pride in their exceptional achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas Legislature hereby congratulate the Celina High School Bobcats football team on winning the UIL 3A Division 2 state championship for 2007 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

