

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The boys' varsity soccer team from the Sam Houston  
2 Math, Science, and Technology Center in Houston made an outstanding  
3 showing during the 2009 season, qualifying for the University  
4 Interscholastic League 5A playoffs and advancing to the second  
5 round of play; and

6           WHEREAS, Demonstrating a disciplined approach to the game  
7 throughout the year, the Tigers posted a regular-season record of  
8 eight wins, five losses, and three ties and earned a spot in the  
9 postseason for the second consecutive year; and

10           WHEREAS, Sam Houston matched up against the team from Nimitz  
11 Senior High School in the first round of the playoffs; that  
12 thrilling contest stretched into overtime before the Tigers emerged  
13 with a 1-0 win, claiming the school's first playoff victory in  
14 soccer; they went on to play in the second round, where they fell to  
15 Elsik High School in a hard-fought game; and

16           WHEREAS, The team's success in 2009 is a source of great pride  
17 to all of the students at Sam Houston and comes during the first  
18 academic year after the school was repurposed to place greater  
19 emphasis on math, science, and technology; by earning the right to  
20 contend for the state title in the playoffs, team members have  
21 provided a positive example of what can be achieved through  
22 dedication and hard work; and

23           WHEREAS, These determined student-athletes benefited from  
24 the assured leadership of coach Robert Montiel, who not only

1 schooled the players in on-field fundamentals but stressed the  
2 importance of academic studies and responsible behavior; and

3       WHEREAS, A key element in the Tigers' winning season was its  
4 defense, which was anchored by Juan P. Ortiz and team captains Aaron  
5 Reyna and Sebastian Mireles; in recognition of his outstanding  
6 play, Mr. Ortiz was voted Defender of the Year by the 20-5A district  
7 coaches, and Edwin Mejia was voted as Co-Goalkeeper of the Year; in  
8 addition, all of the senior players on the squad provided vital  
9 guidance to their younger teammates, helping to forge the Tigers  
10 into a formidable team; and

11       WHEREAS, With their inspired performances and dedication to  
12 excellence, the members of the Tigers soccer team enjoyed a  
13 memorable 2009 season, and they may take justifiable pride in a job  
14 well done; now, therefore, be it

15       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' soccer team from the Sam  
17 Houston Math, Science, and Technology Center on advancing to the  
18 second round of the UIL 5A playoffs and extend to the players,  
19 coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and,  
20 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1538

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1538 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House