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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In an outstanding demonstration of strength and
2 skill, the Bishop High School powerlifting team claimed the 2009
3 Texas High School Powerlifting Association Division 3 state
4 championship on March 28 at the state meet held at the Taylor County
5 Expo Center in Abilene; and

6 WHEREAS, The victory gave Bishop High its first team state
7 title in any sport, and the Badgers also became the first
8 powerlifting team from their area to earn the state crown; and

9 WHEREAS, Pacing the Bishop lifters at the state meet were
10 seniors Victor Caldera and Albert Guajardo, both of whom claimed
11 individual state titles; Mr. Caldera won the 165-pound weight class
12 by hefting a total of 1,400 pounds in the three lift categories,
13 while Mr. Guajardo set a new state record with a 440-pound squat
14 lift on his way to securing the 123-pound title; and

15 WHEREAS, The Badgers also received vital contributions from
16 the other members of the team; senior Manny Mechell finished as
17 runner-up to Mr. Caldera in the 165-pound weight class, and
18 freshman Travis Charles placed sixth in his 114-pound category; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop High's powerlifting program got its start 10
20 years ago, and it has been guided since the beginning by coach
21 George Luna; his inspired leadership has garnered widespread
22 respect for the program, and the state title is a fitting reward for
23 the hard work and determination exhibited by everyone involved with
24 the team; and

1 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the dream of every
2 high school athlete, and this achievement will be a continuing
3 source of pride for the Bishop High powerlifters as well as for
4 their many supporters in the local community; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Bishop High School
7 powerlifting team on winning the 2009 Texas High School
8 Powerlifting Association Division 3 state championship and extend
9 best wishes to the athletes and coaches for continued success; and,
10 be it further

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