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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Katy High School Tigers football team won the
2 2008 University Interscholastic League 5A Division II state
3 championship with a 17-3 victory over Wylie High School on December
4 20 at Reliant Stadium in Houston; and

5 WHEREAS, This title game triumph gave Katy its second
6 consecutive state crown and the sixth in school history, with other
7 titles coming in 1959, 1997, 2000, 2003, and 2007; and

8 WHEREAS, Overcoming two early-season losses, the Tigers were
9 inspired by the steady leadership of head coach Gary Joseph, taking
10 to heart his emphasis on perseverance as they rebounded to finish
11 the season with a record of 13 wins and just 3 defeats; a key to
12 Katy's success in 2009 was a smothering defense that held opponents
13 without a touchdown in four separate contests; the Tigers also got a
14 boost from their dominating victory over a high school team from
15 Florida in a game broadcast live on ESPN in October, which was the
16 school's first-ever national television appearance; and

17 WHEREAS, In the championship game, the defense set the tone
18 early as linebacker Sebi Carbajal, the game's defensive MVP,
19 recorded a sack to thwart Wylie's opening possession; Katy's ground
20 attack asserted itself late in the first half, as Michael Webber
21 scored the first of his two touchdowns to give the Tigers a halftime
22 lead of 10-0; the rushing game continued to roll in the second half
23 as running back Will Jeffery, the game's offensive MVP, picked up
24 more than 80 of his 148 total yards; the defense continued to do its

1 part as well, and when the final seconds ticked off the clock, the
2 Katy High School team had once again proven itself the finest 5A
3 Division II football squad in the Lone Star State; and

4 WHEREAS, The members of the 2008 Katy High School
5 championship football team are fine upstanding young men; proudly
6 representing the Katy area and the Katy Independent School District
7 are freshman player Brooks Haack, sophomore players Colt Atwood,
8 Kevin Blanchard, Tyler Buzan, Joey Chapman, Grant Clifton, Conner
9 Cox, Jake Dill, Josh Dill, Cameron Hancock, Mike Hinks, Vernon
10 Jeffries, Greg Morris, Nick Narcisse, Eric Needham, Channing Pate,
11 Brandon Price, John Sampa, Christian Sandoval, Taylor Stringer,
12 Kevin Turcios, and Tanner Ursell, junior players Tyler Adams, Manny
13 Alexander, Terrance Barley, Michael Bray, Duece Brown, Tyler
14 Chapman, Robert Felegi, Jonathon Fisher, Quentin Garrison, Alfredo
15 Gonzalez, Trevor Hansen, Sam Holl, Devvi Hurtado, Will Jeffery,
16 Andrew Johnson, Matt Jones, Ryan Jones, Ron Jov, Travis Krauss,
17 Shep Klinke, Corey Matnev, James Marks, Blake Meuth, Tyler Moore,
18 Ricardo Morris, Ed Okruhlik, Garret Oliver, Antony Quintanilla,
19 Ryan Rose, Kendall Sizemore, Hunter Smith, Colten Sommers, Robert
20 Stagg, Michael Stojkovic, Zach Swanson, Nick Taylor, Dusty
21 Vandenberg, Carlo Villarreal, Colton Vix, Patrick Wert, Bob
22 Wiesner, and Dustin Wilson, and graduating seniors Van Atwood, Raul
23 Balbuena, Jonathan Barnette, Blake Bell, Corbin Blair, Jonathan
24 Bomar, Jessell Boseman, Taylor Brandt, Bryce Callender, Sebi
25 Carbajal, Adam Castro, Caleb Chandler, Bryce Collins, Zach
26 DeGhelder, Alex Donahue, Tyler Felegi, Daniel Garcia, Jonathan Gil,
27 Garrett Glover, Zac Griffin, Matt Guajardo, James Gumbert, Clint

1 Hamilton, Kyle Hirschfelder, Dylan Jamnik, Kyle Jamnik, George
2 Jimenez, Joey Killion, Sean Lopez, Nick Marlow, Brandon McGuire,
3 Jason Mecum, Matt Mecum, Cody Oswald, Jay Patel, Aaron Poteet,
4 Parker Ray, John Reeves, Dawoud Rivas, Chris Roberson, Callen
5 Roundtree, Ryan Sadler, Dillon Steadman, Austin Sumrall, Elvin
6 Tapong, Cameron Travis, Jake Vaden, John Waldo, Michael Webber,
7 Matt Wiens, Ben Wiesner, and Andre Wright; and

8 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the culmination of
9 countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to
10 excellence, and these dedicated student-athletes may take
11 justifiable pride in their outstanding accomplishment; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Katy High School football team
15 on winning the UIL 5A Division II state championship and extend
16 sincere best wishes to the players, coaches, and staff for
17 continued success; and, be it further

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