

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 822

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Coppell High School Cowgirls soccer team, which recently won the University Interscholastic League Class 5A state championship title; and

WHEREAS, The Cowgirls claimed their first state championship by defeating The Woodlands High School Lady Highlanders by a score of 3-2 in a match that saw them equal the highest number of goals that the Highlanders had allowed all season; the Lady Highlanders had posted 24 shutouts and were ranked third in the nation by ESPN RISE; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding match featured great defense and goalkeeping, with Alyssa Diggs scoring the game-winning goal with an assist from Dominique Dinka; Laura Sadler was named the game's Most Valuable Player, and Alyssa Diggs, Spayne Avant and Chioma Ubogagu were named to the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, The Cowgirls had advanced to the state finals by defeating Ronald Reagan High School of San Antonio by a score of 1-0; the San Antonio Reagan Rattlers entered the game ranked first in the nation by ESPN RISE before falling to the Cowgirls, whose performance throughout the tournament upheld the standard they set for themselves when they made "Check Our Footwork" the team's theme; and

WHEREAS, Despite having lost eight of last year's starters to graduation, the Cowgirls were able to build a championship team this season; led by their three senior starters, they drew inspiration from the team's practice motto, "You Reap What You Sow," and with enthusiasm, dedication, and an exceptional work ethic, the Cowgirls beat all the odds and captured a championship title; and

WHEREAS, Under the superior leadership and expertise of District 6-5A Coach of the Year Chris Stricker, and with the talented support of assistant coaches Michelle McAlister, Justin Heller, and Tito Schwabe, the Cowgirls developed exceptional teamwork and discipline, and they finished the season ranked fourth in the nation by ESPN RISE; and

WHEREAS, These young athletes have demonstrated great talent and perseverance throughout the year, both on and off the field; Chioma Ubogagu was the District 6-5A Midfielder of the Year and was a finalist for Gatorade Player of the Year; senior Sydney Frazier was named to the All-State Academic Team, and junior Erin Barlow is currently ranked 10th in her class; and

WHEREAS, Coppell High School and the City of Coppell are proud of the Cowgirls for their hard work, their impressive skills, and their fine sportsmanship; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend the Coppell High School Cowgirls soccer team for their successful season and extend congratulations to them on winning the University Interscholastic League Class 5A state championship title; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for them as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Harris, Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 5, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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