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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Midland High School Bulldogs enjoyed an
2 outstanding season in 2010, playing some of the best football in the
3 school's long history; and

4 WHEREAS, Before the year began, not many expected the
5 Bulldogs to be serious contenders for the state playoffs, but under
6 the outstanding leadership of head coach Craig Yenzer, they won
7 their first seven games and went 4-1 in district play to finish in a
8 three-way tie for the District 3-5A title, their first since 1988;
9 the team's only regular season loss came at the hands of Abilene
10 High, the defending Class 5A Division II state champion; and

11 WHEREAS, Midland's memorable season opened with tough
12 defensive showings against Amarillo and El Paso Del Valle, which
13 resulted in 20-6 and 21-13 victories; the team then began a streak
14 of five straight games in which it scored at least 40 points,
15 including especially productive outings in back-to-back games
16 against Lubbock Coronado and Lubbock Monterey; against Coronado,
17 Tyler Middleton set the school single-game record by scoring six
18 touchdowns, and he crossed the goal line five more times against
19 Monterey; Mr. Middleton would eventually set the single-season
20 school record by tallying a total of 33 touchdowns; and

21 WHEREAS, After their hard-fought loss to Abilene, the
22 Bulldogs got back to their winning ways by storming to a 29-0
23 halftime lead against Lee High School and then fighting off a
24 determined comeback by the Rebels to notch a 43-36 victory; in the

1 regular season finale, Midland came up against the high-scoring and
2 undefeated team from Abilene Cooper; the Dawgs rolled up 383 yards
3 in rushing, more than half of which were gained by Mr. Middleton,
4 who also scored four touchdowns, including the tiebreaker with less
5 than four minutes remaining in the game; this dramatic 42-35
6 victory allowed Midland to clinch a share of the district title; and

7 WHEREAS, The first round of the playoffs produced another
8 unforgettable contest; the Bulldogs were trailing by nine heading
9 into the final quarter only to explode for 20 points and eliminate
10 Arlington Bowie by a score of 39-35; Midland's defense was back to
11 the fore in the second playoff game as the team soundly defeated El
12 Paso El Dorado 31-7; in the ensuing regional round of the playoffs,
13 the Bulldogs suffered only their second defeat of the season, being
14 beaten by Coppell High, the fifth-ranked team in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2010 Midland High team finished with an .846
16 winning percentage, the third best in school history, trailing only
17 the 1938 and 1939 teams that both went 9-1; the success of the 2010
18 squad was keyed by a deep roster filled with talented players; Mr.
19 Middleton's record-breaking season would not have been possible
20 without the help of the offensive line, where Mike Leonard, Jared
21 Mosely, Ross Montgomery, Zach Byers, Tim Nwangwu, and Turner Ingle
22 all performed yeoman work in the trenches; quarterbacks Jake
23 Holifield and Kierre Woods provided excellent on-field leadership,
24 and running back Jacoby Webster and wide receiver Michael
25 Christiani also contributed to the offensive firepower; on the
26 defensive side, Blaze Wooten was the first player to rack up 100
27 tackles this season, and he anchored the secondary along with

1 Oeasha Shoclet and Colton Edmundson; the defensive line was manned
2 by such standouts as Tyler Tatum, Isaac Dearing, Dutton Watson, and
3 Christian Vargas, while Ryan Evans made many big plays from his
4 middle linebacker position and Donavon Anders was twice named
5 special teams player of the week; and

6 WHEREAS, Winning with a true team effort, the Bulldogs also
7 received valuable contributions from the other members of the
8 roster: Tanner Neal, Blair Beck, Jamaal Sanders, Brady Bradshaw,
9 Tanner Culp, Chris Babcock, Chase Jones, Brandon Williams, Blake
10 Bynum, Erick Callier, Marquise Clater, Andrew Alvarado, Travis
11 Bledsoe, Andy Allen, Jesus Ramirez, Cesar Chavez, Colton Perry,
12 Derek Turner, Emilio Cano, Anthony Rubio, Jose Torres, Efrain
13 Vasquez, Cesar Santos, Brandon Wright, Patrick Butler, Malcon
14 Anders, Clint Hixson, Adrian Ramirez, Jake Taylor, Jeff Cook,
15 Garrett Brunson, Quade Huckaba, Kelton Woodard, Ryan Hopkins, Grant
16 Canis, Rene Lujan, Keaton Castillo, Josh Sierman, Gabe Estrada,
17 Saul Dunn, Henry Gutierrez, Drake Vliem, Tyler Abney, Sam Carrasco,
18 Chad Cowdrey, Evan Brunson, John David Bertleson, Jake Forrester,
19 Donovan Lee, and Stevie Rhodes; and

20 WHEREAS, Head coach Yenzer was ably assisted by offensive
21 coordinator Jim Conger, defensive coordinator Shane Fletcher, and
22 coaches Chris Morales, Bobby Alvarez, Cal Neatherlin, Jeff Streun,
23 Bryan Sledge, Ector Lopez, Tim Anuskiewicz, Chad Leonard, and Don
24 Goode; and

25 WHEREAS, These talented and dedicated student-athletes are a
26 source of great pride to their many supporters in the local
27 community, and their outstanding performance on the gridiron is

1 indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby congratulate the Midland High School Bulldogs football team
4 on its successful 2010 season and extend sincere best wishes to the
5 players, coaches, and staff for continued success; and, be it
6 further

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