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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Allen High School football team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the University Interscholastic
3 League 5A Division 1 state championship on December 22, 2012, at
4 Cowboys Stadium in Arlington; and

5 WHEREAS, Matching up against Houston Lamar High School in the
6 title game, the Eagles found themselves in a hard-fought battle in
7 which their opponent came from behind to tie the score at 21 late in
8 the third quarter; a decisive shift in momentum took place on the
9 ensuing kickoff, however, when Allen's Oliver Pierce returned the
10 ball 80 yards to set up a touchdown; the Eagles then put the game
11 away by adding another TD in the fourth quarter to claim a 35-21
12 victory; among the many Eagles who had standout performances were
13 offensive most valuable player Kyler Murray and defensive MVP
14 Cameron Hartsfield; and

15 WHEREAS, The state final triumph concluded a memorable season
16 in which the team compiled an overall record of 15 wins and 1 loss,
17 beating such formidable challengers as previous state champion
18 Southlake Carroll; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout the year, the Eagles benefited from
20 exceptional teamwork, with each player contributing to the
21 championship quest; the able leadership of head coach Tom
22 Westerberg and his staff was also essential to the players'
23 accomplishments, as was the overwhelming support of the Allen
24 community; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2012 championship represents the team's second
2 title in five years, and the Eagles are one of just nine schools
3 that have won multiple championship trophies in 5A competition; and

4 WHEREAS, Demonstrating outstanding skill and an enduring
5 commitment to excellence, the hardworking young athletes of the
6 Allen High football team have furthered their school's tradition of
7 achievement on the gridiron, and they may reflect with pride on a
8 job well done; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate the Allen High School football team
11 on winning the UIL 5A Division 1 state championship and extend to
12 the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.