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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' soccer team from Coppell High School
2 continued the school's tradition of excellence in the sport by
3 winning the University Interscholastic League 5A state
4 championship on April 20, 2013, in Georgetown; and

5 WHEREAS, In the thrilling title match against Brownsville
6 Hanna High School, the Cowboys were trailing 2-1 in the second half
7 until midfielder Chris Madden scored the game-tying goal on a free
8 kick with 3:32 remaining in regulation; the teams then continued
9 their battle into overtime, and with less than a minute left in the
10 second overtime period, Mr. Madden drilled a shot into the lower
11 right corner of the net, clinching the victory for his team; and

12 WHEREAS, The win gave Coppell its second soccer crown since
13 2004 and its first under the leadership of head coach Chad
14 Rakestraw; the Cowboys finished the year with an impressive record
15 of 23 wins and just 2 losses; and

16 WHEREAS, The team's excellent play in the postseason was
17 recognized with a number of accolades; Mr. Madden was chosen as the
18 championship game Most Valuable Player, and he was joined on the
19 All-Tournament Team by Austin Michaelis, Mitchell Parnell, and
20 Drake Lovelady; the Cowboys also received valuable contributions
21 throughout the season from the other members of the roster: Dustin
22 Hodges, Josh Jauregui, Dante DiCiolli, Kevin Tovson, Jacob Tucker,
23 Jarett Weaver, Emilio Morlett, Chad Thomas, Zamil Narsing, Wyatt
24 Foster, Austin Broyles, Nick Hazelrigg, Neal Tatum, Mitchell Apple,

1 Kellen Reid, Justin Todd, Corey Oesch, Nick Price, Stephen
2 Wheatcroft, Stephen Tower, Jack Burns, Colten Clark, and Robbie
3 Coens; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Rakestraw was aided in his efforts by
5 assistant coaches James Balcom and Blake Johnson, and the team also
6 benefited from the expertise of trainers Barry Jones and Yvette
7 Carson, student trainers Dale Wood and Austin Pang, and
8 statistician and manager Jake Candler; additional support was
9 provided by athletic director John Crawford, principal Mike Jasso,
10 and superintendent Dr. Jeff Turner; and

11 WHEREAS, In proving themselves the finest boys' 5A squad in
12 the Lone Star State, the Coppell soccer players have demonstrated
13 exceptional teamwork and dedication, and their achievement is a
14 source of great pride to their school and their many supporters in
15 the community; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate the Coppell High School boys'
18 soccer team on winning the 2013 UIL 5A state championship and extend
19 to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
20 continued success; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
23 House of Representatives.