

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 94**

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

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, The 2012 championship represents the team's second title in five years, and the Eagles are one of just nine

schools that have won multiple championship trophies in 5A competition; and

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate the Allen High School football team on winning the University Interscholastic League 5A Division 1 state championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 30, 2013.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate