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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Allen High School football team furthered its
2 reputation as a gridiron powerhouse by winning the 2014 University
3 Interscholastic League 6A Division 1 championship, taking home the
4 state title for the third year in a row and for the fourth time since
5 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, In the course of a season in which they compiled a
7 perfect 16-0 record, the Eagles claimed the district title before
8 beginning the postseason with victories over Keller Central,
9 DeSoto, Martin, and Trinity High Schools; Allen then faced off
10 against Skyline High in the semifinals, where the team rallied from
11 a second-half deficit to win 52-34 and earn a trip to the state
12 championship game; and

13 WHEREAS, The Eagles jumped out to a quick lead against
14 Cypress Ranch High School in the title contest, as quarterback
15 Kyler Murray connected with teammate Cody Butler for a touchdown
16 pass to put Allen ahead 7-0; Cypress Ranch pulled to within four
17 points late in the second quarter, but the Eagles' offense
18 responded with a last-minute touchdown drive to take a 21-10 lead
19 into halftime; the Allen players continued their fine performance
20 in the second half, as they overwhelmed their opponent on both sides
21 of the ball on their way to an impressive 47-16 victory; and

22 WHEREAS, The triumph extended Allen's current winning streak
23 to an exceptional 43 games; moreover, it gave the Eagles the
24 distinction of being one of just four teams to have collected three

1 consecutive titles in the state's top high school classification;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Under the direction of head coach Tom Westerberg,
4 the Eagles received essential contributions throughout the year
5 from each member of the roster as they once again proved themselves
6 one of the premier squads in the Lone Star State; and

7 WHEREAS, Winning three consecutive state championships is a
8 rare feat that is the culmination of countless hours of hard work
9 and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and these dedicated
10 student-athletes may take justifiable pride in their outstanding
11 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Allen High School football team
14 on winning the 2014 UIL 6A Division 1 state championship and extend
15 sincere best wishes to the team's players, coaches, and staff for
16 continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.