

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In an inspiring display of solidarity with a fallen  
2 teammate, the Gilmer High School football team capped an undefeated  
3 season by winning the University Interscholastic League 4A Division  
4 2 state title at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on December 19, 2014; and

5           WHEREAS, The Gilmer players began the year with heavy hearts,  
6 as they coped with the tragic death of junior wide receiver Desmond  
7 Pollard in March 2014; dedicating the season to their friend and  
8 teammate, the Buckeyes dominated their regular season opponents to  
9 capture the District 5-4A crown and secure a spot in the UIL state  
10 playoffs; and

11           WHEREAS, An unstoppable juggernaut on offense, Gilmer  
12 averaged more than 60 points a game in its first five postseason  
13 contests; in the championship final, the Buckeyes fell behind early  
14 in the game and trailed the squad from West Orange-Stark High School  
15 25-7 at halftime; refusing to give up on its championship dream, the  
16 team responded with 28 unanswered points in the second half; wide  
17 receiver Blake Lynch led the way with two fourth-quarter touchdown  
18 runs to clinch a 35-25 victory and the third state championship in  
19 school history; for his efforts, Mr. Lynch was named the game's  
20 Offensive Most Valuable Player, and teammate Demarco Boyd earned  
21 Defensive MVP honors; and

22           WHEREAS, In their march to the state title, the Buckeyes  
23 received valuable contributions from each member of the roster;  
24 these determined athletes were guided by head coach Jeff Traylor

1 and his staff, whose expertise and leadership were essential to the  
2 players' exceptional performances all year long; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of the Gilmer High School football team  
4 demonstrated admirable skill and dedication in winning the state  
5 crown while paying tribute to one of their own, and they will  
6 forever treasure the memory of their outstanding accomplishments;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Gilmer High School football  
10 team on winning the 2014 UIL 4A Division 2 state championship and  
11 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
12 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

H.R. No. 194

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 194 was adopted by the House on February 9, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House