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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Bringing an unforgettable season to a triumphant  
2 close, the Carthage High School football team captured the 2013  
3 University Interscholastic League 3A Division 1 state championship  
4 on December 20, 2013, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

5           WHEREAS, Matching up against Kilgore High School in the title  
6 game, the Bulldogs opened up an 18-point advantage in the third  
7 quarter before a furious comeback from their opponent cut the  
8 deficit to five with just over three minutes remaining in the game;  
9 the Carthage players remained cool under pressure, however, and  
10 secured the title by recovering Kilgore's subsequent onside kick  
11 attempt and then driving for a final touchdown by running back Tevin  
12 Pipkin to close out the 34-23 victory; and

13           WHEREAS, The offensive Most Valuable Player award went to the  
14 Bulldogs' senior quarterback Blake Bogenschutz, who passed for 185  
15 yards and two touchdowns; senior lineman Mario McCain took home  
16 defensive MVP honors after contributing several key plays,  
17 including a fumble recovery and a crucial tackle for a loss that  
18 ended a scoring threat for Kilgore in the first half; the win in the  
19 championship contest capped a year in which the team compiled an  
20 overall record of 15 wins and 1 loss, went undefeated in district  
21 play, and dominated several postseason opponents; and

22           WHEREAS, This marked the fourth state football title for  
23 Carthage High in the past six years, with the school last claiming  
24 the crown in 2010; each of these championships came under the able

1 leadership of head coach Scott Surratt, whose focus on motivation  
2 and preparation has enabled his players to realize their full  
3 athletic potential; and

4 WHEREAS, With their remarkable performance during 2013, the  
5 Carthage Bulldogs have furthered their school's tradition of  
6 gridiron excellence, and they will treasure the memory of this  
7 accomplishment for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Carthage High School football  
10 team on winning the 2013 UIL 3A Division 1 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.