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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Cedar Hill High School football team once again
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the University
3 Interscholastic League 6A Division 2 state championship on December
4 20, 2014, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

5 WHEREAS, Continuing their school's tradition of gridiron
6 excellence, the Longhorns claimed their second consecutive state
7 title and their third in the past nine years with a thrilling
8 triumph in a championship rematch against Katy High School;
9 trailing 13-2 at halftime, Cedar Hill came roaring back in the third
10 quarter through an offensive aerial assault, with platooning
11 quarterbacks Justin McMillan and Avery Davis each throwing a
12 touchdown pass on consecutive possessions to give Cedar Hill a
13 17-13 lead; Katy answered with seven points of its own, but the
14 Longhorns soon tied the score with a 44-yard field goal; as the
15 clock dwindled, the defense made crucial stops to force a punt, and
16 in the final nail-biting seconds, kicker Brooks Ralph put the ball
17 through the uprights to seal a 23-20 victory; and

18 WHEREAS, The Longhorn offense was led by senior receiver
19 DaMarkus Lodge, who racked up 101 yards on four receptions and
20 accounted for both of the team's touchdowns on his way to earning
21 the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player award; and

22 WHEREAS, Focused on their slogan "Be Remembered," the
23 Longhorns received valuable contributions throughout the year from
24 each player on the roster, and together they posted a season record

1 of 14 wins and only 2 losses and were rated ninth in the nation in
2 the MaxPreps Xcellent 25 rankings; these determined athletes were
3 guided by head coach Joey McGuire and his staff, whose expertise and
4 leadership were essential to the players' exceptional
5 performances; numerous Longhorns earned All-District or All-State
6 honors, including 32 who were recognized for their academic
7 achievements at the district level; moreover, Mr. Lodge, Richard
8 Moore, and Coach McGuire were chosen to take part in prestigious
9 All-American games; and

10 WHEREAS, In winning back-to-back state titles, the Longhorns
11 of Cedar Hill High School have earned a place among the elite teams
12 in Texas high school football, and the players will forever
13 treasure their memories of this notable accomplishment; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Cedar Hill High School football
17 team on winning the UIL 6A Division 2 state championship for 2014
18 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
19 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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