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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Continuing a proud tradition of success on the
2 gridiron, the Canadian High School football team captured the
3 University Interscholastic League 2A Division 1 state championship
4 on December 18, 2014, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

5 WHEREAS, The Wildcats won the state title with a 34-7 triumph
6 over Mason High School, taking home the school's third state
7 championship in football and completing a season in which they
8 dominated their competition en route to an undefeated 15-0 record;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, After beginning its march through the postseason
11 with an impressive victory over Windthorst, Canadian went on to
12 defeat Stratford and Abernathy High Schools to secure a spot in the
13 state semifinals against Mart; in that game, the Wildcats raced out
14 to a three-touchdown lead at halftime before closing out a 49-14 win
15 and earning a trip to the state championship game; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2A Division 1 finale against Mason High provided
17 an exciting matchup between two previously unbeaten squads; the
18 Wildcats were held scoreless in the opening quarter, as Mason
19 jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but Canadian responded with 34
20 unanswered points over the final three quarters to claim the
21 championship; quarterback Tanner Schafer was selected as the
22 Offensive Most Valuable Player of the game, and linebacker Andrew
23 Ezzell was named the Defensive MVP for his 10-tackle performance;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Under the direction of head coach Chris Koetting,
2 the Wildcats received essential contributions throughout the year
3 from each member of the roster as they proved themselves one of the
4 finest teams in the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, The Canadian High School football players
6 demonstrated admirable skill and determination in winning the state
7 title and achieving a perfect record against top competition, and
8 these talented student-athletes will treasure the memory of this
9 accomplishment for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Canadian High School football
12 team on winning the 2014 UIL 2A Division 1 state championship and
13 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
14 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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