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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lufkin High School boys' soccer team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the 2015 University Interscholastic
3 League 5A state championship on April 18 at Birkelbach Field in
4 Georgetown; and

5 WHEREAS, In capturing the first soccer state crown in school
6 history, the Panthers overcame two losses and a tie to begin the
7 season by reeling off a remarkable 26 consecutive victories to
8 finish with a 26-2-1 record; and

9 WHEREAS, Lufkin's exciting run through the postseason
10 included wins over Longview, Spruce, Mount Pleasant, Wakeland, and
11 East High Schools to clinch their spot in the state tournament,
12 where they shut out Memorial High School 1-0 in the semifinals to
13 advance to the title contest; and

14 WHEREAS, Facing off against the unbeaten squad from East View
15 High School of Georgetown with the state championship on the line,
16 the Panthers got early goals from Omar Zamarripa and Kacy Bennett to
17 take a 2-1 lead into halftime; Mr. Zamarripa added a second goal
18 after the break and the Lufkin defense did the rest, stopping
19 several late East View scoring opportunities to secure the 3-1
20 triumph; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Zamarripa was named Most Valuable Player of the
22 championship game, and he was joined on the All-Tournament team by
23 Javy Montes, Javier Patlan, and Jake Williams; the Panthers also
24 received essential contributions throughout the season from the

1 other members of the roster: Terry Mark, Chris Marquez, Dorian
2 Bravo, Xavier Reyes, Cristhian Pineda, Luis Lopez, Joel Rodriguez,
3 Gustavo Garcia, Ivan Hernandez, Omar Roque, Miguel Gonzales, Sammy
4 Villegas, Rodrigo Vargas, Cristian Julian, Cesar Camacho, Jesus
5 Cisneros, Bradley Slusher, and Alexis Roque; and

6 WHEREAS, These talented student-athletes were inspired to
7 play at the top of their game by head coach Russell Shaw and
8 assistant coaches David McPherson and Eliazar Caldera; and

9 WHEREAS, The members of the Lufkin High School soccer team
10 have demonstrated exemplary teamwork and an unwavering commitment
11 to excellence, and the players and their many supporters in the
12 local community will forever cherish the memory of this outstanding
13 accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Lufkin High School boys' soccer
16 team on winning the 2015 UIL 5A state championship and extend to the
17 team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
18 continued success; and, be it further

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