

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' soccer team from Rivera High School in
2 Brownsville proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the
3 2015 University Interscholastic League 6A state championship on
4 April 18 at Birkelbach Field in Georgetown; and

5 WHEREAS, The championship victory closed out an
6 unforgettable year in which Rivera recorded a perfect record of 28
7 wins and zero defeats; after claiming the District 32-6A regular
8 season title, the Raiders carried their momentum into the
9 postseason with a dominant 5-0 shutout of Edinburg High School in
10 the opening round of the playoffs; subsequent victories over Del
11 Rio, Juarez-Lincoln, Reagan, and Brandeis High Schools secured the
12 team's spot in the state tournament for the third time in school
13 history; and

14 WHEREAS, In the semifinals, Rivera overwhelmed North
15 Mesquite High School by a score of 5-1 to advance to the
16 championship contest; matching up against Cinco Ranch High School
17 from Katy with the state crown on the line, the Raiders took control
18 in the first half with goals from Isidro Martinez and David
19 Alexander that were scored just two minutes apart; the team's stout
20 defense did the rest, shutting out the opposing team to earn Rivera
21 a 2-0 triumph and the 6A title; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez was named Most Valuable Player of the
23 championship game, and he was joined on the All-Tournament Team by
24 Israel Acero, Eliezer Acero, Eliseo Ortiz, and Alexis Herrera; the
25 Raiders also received essential contributions throughout the

1 season from the other members of the roster: Jesus Zaragoza, Jorge
2 Cordova, Jesus Torres, Jose Villanueva, Alfredo Villareal, Abdon
3 Cruz, Hernan Cruz, Erik Alonso, Ray Alvarez, Lee Roy Martinez,
4 Carlos Alvarez, Eduardo Salinas, Julian Espinoza, Edward Rojas,
5 Roberto Melendez, Roberto Castro, Jose Muniz, Marcos Hernandez, and
6 Ivan Cruz; and

7 WHEREAS, These talented student-athletes were inspired to
8 play at the top of their game by head coach Salvador Garcia and
9 assistant coaches Andres Macias, Jose Dominguez, and Jimmy
10 Montalvo; additional support was provided by managers Sergio Soto
11 and Francisco Cardenas; and

12 WHEREAS, In reaching their season-long goal of a state
13 championship without losing a single game, the members of the
14 Rivera High School soccer team have demonstrated exemplary teamwork
15 and an unwavering commitment to excellence, and the players and
16 their many supporters in the local community will forever cherish
17 the memory of this remarkable accomplishment; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
19 Legislature hereby congratulate the Rivera High School boys' soccer
20 team on winning the 2015 UIL 6A state championship and extend to the
21 team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
22 continued success; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
25 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2391

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2391 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House