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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

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

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

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

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

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