

By: Roberts

H.R. No. 30

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The football team from Northland Christian School in  
2 Houston reached the pinnacle of success by winning the Texas  
3 Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division III state  
4 championship on December 3, 2016, at Midway Panther Stadium in  
5 Hewitt; and

6           WHEREAS, Facing off against Covenant Christian Academy of  
7 Colleyville in the title contest, the Cougars jumped out to an early  
8 lead with a rushing touchdown by senior quarterback Michael  
9 Massarella, but Covenant answered with two touchdowns and a field  
10 goal to make the score 17-7 at the end of the second quarter;  
11 Northland came roaring back after halftime, though, notching a pair  
12 of touchdowns while shutting down their opponents on defense; a  
13 decisive moment came midway through the fourth quarter, when the  
14 Cougars staged a dramatic goal line stand to preserve a 21-17  
15 victory; and

16           WHEREAS, Aably guided by Coach David Nelson, the Northland  
17 team received valuable contributions throughout the season from  
18 each member of the roster; thanks to the inspired play of its  
19 athletes, the Cougars compiled an undefeated record during 2016 and  
20 have reached the semifinal or final round of the TAPPS state  
21 tournament in three of the past five years; and

22           WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the  
23 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering  
24 commitment to excellence, and the members of the Northland

1 Christian football team will treasure the memory of this  
2 accomplishment for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Northland Christian School  
5 football team on winning the 2016 TAPPS Division III state  
6 championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff  
7 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
10 House of Representatives.