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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The DeSoto High School football team brought its
2 long championship quest to a triumphant close by winning the
3 University Interscholastic League 6A Division 2 state title on
4 December 17, 2016, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

5 WHEREAS, After losses in the state semifinals in 2012 and
6 2013, the Eagles claimed the ultimate prize for the first time in
7 the school's history, and in so doing, ended the year with a perfect
8 16-0 record; along the way, they dominated their regular season
9 opponents, winning by an average of 30 points per game, and they
10 went on to excel in postseason battles against Killeen, Carroll,
11 Abilene, Cedar Hill, and Klein Collins High Schools to earn their
12 spot in the championship game; and

13 WHEREAS, Facing off against Cibolo Steele High School with
14 the title on the line, DeSoto took command early in the first half
15 and maintained the lead throughout the game; the team's victory was
16 only briefly threatened in the fourth quarter, when Steele closed
17 the gap to six points, but the Eagles responded by forcing a
18 turnover and adding a field goal in the closing minutes to secure
19 the state crown; and

20 WHEREAS, Under the inspiring leadership of head coach Todd
21 Peterman, the Eagles received valuable contributions throughout
22 the season from all of the student-athletes on the roster, making
23 their success a true team effort; and

24 WHEREAS, The players of the DeSoto High School football team

1 demonstrated admirable skill and determination in winning the state
2 championship and compiling a flawless record against top
3 competition, and they will cherish their memories of this exemplary
4 accomplishment for years to come; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the DeSoto High School football
7 team on winning the 2016 UIL 6A Division 2 state championship and
8 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
9 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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