

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Carthage High School football team furthered its
2 record of success by winning the University Interscholastic League
3 4A Division 1 state championship on December 16, 2016, at AT&T
4 Stadium in Arlington; and

5 WHEREAS, During their postseason run, the Bulldogs
6 dispatched formidable opponents from Silsbee, Houston North
7 Forest, Henderson, Stafford, and China Spring High Schools to
8 advance to the finals against Wylie High School of Abilene; and

9 WHEREAS, In the title game, Carthage overcame an early 14-0
10 deficit with two touchdowns and a field goal to enter halftime tied
11 at 17; both offenses then fell silent until the fourth quarter, when
12 the Bulldogs notched a pair of rushing touchdowns to win by a final
13 score of 31-17 and clinch their fifth championship trophy in the
14 past nine years; the squad was led by junior running back Keaontay
15 Ingram, who was named the Offensive Most Valuable Player after
16 rushing for 180 yards and two touchdowns, and senior defensive
17 tackle Austin Russell, who was selected as the Defensive MVP after
18 recovering two fumbles; and

19 WHEREAS, Carthage's success was the result of a true team
20 effort, with each member of the roster providing valuable
21 contributions throughout the course of the season; moreover, the
22 Bulldogs drew on the expertise and inspirational leadership of head
23 coach Scott Surratt and his staff; and

24 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship is the culmination of

1 countless hours of hard work and an unwavering commitment to
2 excellence, and the Carthage players and their many supporters in
3 the community will treasure the memory of this outstanding
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 Carthage High School football
7 team on winning the 2016 UIL 4A Division 1 state championship and
8 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
9 wishes for the future; 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.

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Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
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Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Thompson of Harris
Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
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H.R. No. 299

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 299 was adopted by the House on February 7, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House