

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The West Orange-Stark High School football team once  
2 again proved itself one of the finest in Texas by capturing the  
3 University Interscholastic League 4A Division 2 state championship  
4 on December 16, 2016, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

5           WHEREAS, En route to their second consecutive state title and  
6 a perfect 16-0 record, the Mustangs dominated their opponents  
7 throughout regular season play, recording seven shutouts and giving  
8 up a total of just 30 points; and

9           WHEREAS, This exceptional team marched through the playoffs  
10 with decisive victories over Cleveland Tarkington, Waco Robinson,  
11 Bellville, Giddings, and Geronimo Navarro High Schools to secure a  
12 spot in the finale against Sweetwater; and

13           WHEREAS, Trailing by six points early in the championship  
14 game, the Mustangs rallied to score a touchdown late in the second  
15 quarter, giving them a 7-6 lead going into halftime; the team's  
16 stout defense kept Sweetwater in check in the second half while the  
17 offense tallied two more touchdowns and a field goal to cap off a  
18 commanding 24-6 win; and

19           WHEREAS, Under the inspiring leadership of head coach Cornel  
20 Thompson, the Mustangs received valuable contributions throughout  
21 the season from all of the student-athletes on the roster, making  
22 their achievements a true team effort; and

23           WHEREAS, With their remarkable performance in 2016, the West  
24 Orange-Stark football team has furthered the school's tradition of

1 gridiron excellence, and the players will treasure the memory of  
2 this 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 West Orange-Stark High School  
5 football team on winning the 2016 UIL 4A Division 2 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.

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H.R. No. 651

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 651 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House