

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Kilgore High School boys' soccer team capped a  
2 storybook season by winning the University Interscholastic League  
3 4A state championship held in Georgetown on April 14, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, A four-time qualifier for the state tournament, the  
5 Kilgore team made a triumphant return this year by dispatching  
6 opponents from Mineola, Texarkana Pleasant Grove, and Palestine  
7 High Schools, Dallas A+ Academy, and Carrollton Ranchview,  
8 Progreso, and Houston Washington High Schools to reach the finals  
9 against Bridgeport High School; and

10           WHEREAS, In the dramatic title contest, the Bulldogs jumped  
11 out to an early 2-0 lead as Wanya McIntyre and Elian Torres each  
12 punched in goals, but Bridgeport evened the score before halftime;  
13 both offenses fell silent in the second period and then during two  
14 rounds of overtime, eventually forcing a penalty kick shootout;  
15 after each squad notched two points, Kilgore goalkeeper and  
16 tournament MVP Kaleb Jett reeled in the next two Bridgeport  
17 attempts, while his teammates Jesus Gonzalez and Raul Cedillo hit  
18 the net on consecutive kicks to clinch the victory by a final score  
19 of 3-2; with this impressive triumph, the Bulldogs not only  
20 finished the season with a record of 21 wins, 5 losses, and 2 ties  
21 but also brought home the first soccer state crown in school  
22 history; and

23           WHEREAS, Demonstrating exemplary teamwork throughout the  
24 season, the Bulldogs received essential contributions from the

1 other members of the roster: Jackson Hatcher, Brandon Espinoza,  
2 Jordi Contreras, Jose Gonzalez, Diego Huerta, David Garcia, Jose  
3 Arrendondo, Yoni Contreras, Jovany Gonzalez, Noe Zavaleta, Jaime  
4 Veloz, Mateo Meraz, Daniel Sifford, and Tucker Konczak; these  
5 talented athletes were skillfully guided by head coach Austin  
6 Walker and his staff, athletic trainer Darrell "Red" Ganus and  
7 student manager-trainers Carlos Godoy, Brandon Mayers, and Josue  
8 Reyes; and

9 WHEREAS, With their exceptional ability and unwavering  
10 commitment to excellence, the Kilgore Bulldogs proved themselves  
11 the premier 4A squad in the Lone Star State, and they are a source of  
12 tremendous pride to their classmates and their many supporters in  
13 the local community; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate the Kilgore High School boys'  
16 soccer team on winning the 2016-2017 UIL 4A state championship and  
17 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
18 wishes for the future; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1856

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1856 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2017, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House