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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.