

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Waskom High School football team once again
2 proved itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the 2015
3 University Interscholastic League 3A Division 2 state championship
4 on December 17 at NRG Stadium in Houston; and

5 WHEREAS, With their exciting victory over Franklin High
6 School in the title game, the Wildcats completed a perfect season in
7 which they compiled a record of 16 wins and zero losses and claimed
8 the school's second consecutive 3A crown; throughout the year, the
9 Waskom players bested their opponents with a potent offense that
10 averaged more than 45 points per game and an aggressive defense that
11 posted six shutouts; and

12 WHEREAS, The team began its march through the playoffs with a
13 dominating victory over De Kalb High School in the bi-district
14 round of play; the Wildcats followed that performance with
15 impressive wins over Gunter, Arp, and West Rusk High Schools before
16 recording a 28-24 triumph against Idalou in the semifinals to earn a
17 trip to the state championship game; and

18 WHEREAS, After falling behind Franklin High early in the 3A
19 Division 2 final, Waskom responded with two touchdowns in the
20 second quarter to take the lead; the teams traded scores in the
21 third quarter and entered the final frame knotted up at 21-21;
22 refusing to give up on their goal of winning back-to-back state
23 titles, the Wildcats regained the lead on a 14-yard touchdown
24 scramble by quarterback Dylan Harkrider; running back Chan Amie

1 then sealed the win with an eight-yard touchdown run with just over
2 one minute left in the game to bring the final score to 33-21; and

3 WHEREAS, The Wildcats' success was the result of a true team
4 effort; each member of the roster provided valuable contributions
5 over the course of the season, and these dedicated athletes
6 benefited from the expertise and inspirational leadership of head
7 coach Whitney Keeling and his staff; and

8 WHEREAS, The members of the Waskom High football team
9 demonstrated admirable skill and determination in winning the state
10 championship and attaining a flawless record against top
11 competition, and they will forever treasure the memory of this
12 outstanding achievement; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate the Waskom High School football
15 team on winning the 2015 UIL 3A Division 2 state championship and
16 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
17 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2555

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2555 was adopted by the House on May 28, 2017, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House