

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The football team of Thurgood Marshall High School  
2 in Missouri City enjoyed an exceptional 2018 season, advancing all  
3 the way to the University Interscholastic League 5A Division 2  
4 state championship game; and

5           WHEREAS, After going undefeated in the regular season and  
6 claiming the District 11 title, the Buffalos posted initial playoff  
7 victories over Santa Fe, College Station A&M Consolidated, Port  
8 Neches-Groves, and Huntsville High Schools; in the semifinal  
9 showdown with Corpus Christi Calallen, Marshall trailed at  
10 intermission but took control with two second-half touchdowns and  
11 held on for a 19-17 win; that victory was all the more poignant  
12 because it came just four days after the tragic death of senior  
13 defensive back Drew Conley, and the Buffalo players held his memory  
14 close in the season's final games; and

15           WHEREAS, Advancing to the state title contest for the first  
16 time in school history, Marshall matched up against top-ranked  
17 Aledo High on December 21 in a meeting of two unbeaten teams; though  
18 the Buffs saw their season come to an end in a hard-fought loss, the  
19 team's overall success in 2018 set a new standard of achievement for  
20 the Marshall High football program; and

21           WHEREAS, Ably guided by head coach James Williams and his  
22 assistants, the Buffs received valuable contributions from each  
23 member of the roster over the course of the 2018 campaign, finishing  
24 with an impressive record of 15 wins and just a single loss; and

1           WHEREAS, The talented and hardworking members of the Marshall  
2 High School football team have realized an exceptional  
3 accomplishment by advancing to the state championship game, and in  
4 so doing, they have become a source of great pride for their fellow  
5 students and their many supporters in the community; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate the Thurgood Marshall High School  
9 Buffalos on their successful 2018 season and extend to the team's  
10 players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the future;  
11 and, be it further

12           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.

Reynolds

H.R. No. 52

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 52 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House