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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, Aply 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.