

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Newton High School football team once again  
2 proved itself among the finest in Texas by winning the 2018  
3 University Interscholastic League 3A Division 2 state championship  
4 on December 20 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

5           WHEREAS, Entering the postseason with an unblemished record,  
6 the Eagles continued their stellar play with dominant victories  
7 over Pewitt, Grand Saline, Troup, and Daingerfield High Schools,  
8 winning each game by more than 50 points; in the semifinals, they  
9 faced a tougher test against East Bernard; the two teams battled  
10 through four quarters before Newton scored the winning touchdown  
11 with just 13 seconds remaining to secure a 21-14 win and advance to  
12 the title contest; and

13           WHEREAS, With the state crown on the line, Newton faced off  
14 against Canadian High School; the Eagles took a commanding 21-0  
15 lead into halftime on a pair of touchdown runs from Darwin Barlow  
16 and an interception return for a score by Kevin Watson; the Canadian  
17 squad mounted a furious second-half rally, cutting the deficit to  
18 five with a chance for a game-winning touchdown in the final minute,  
19 but a goal-line interception by Dominique Seastrunk ended the  
20 threat; when the final seconds ticked off the clock, Newton  
21 recorded a 21-16 triumph and collected its second consecutive state  
22 championship and its fifth overall; moreover, under the guidance of  
23 head coach W. T. Johnston, the Eagles have established a remarkable  
24 30-0 record over the past two seasons; and

1           WHEREAS, Winning back-to-back state championships is a rare  
2 accomplishment and the culmination of countless hours of hard work,  
3 and the talented student-athletes of the Newton Eagles football  
4 team are a source of tremendous pride to their school and their many  
5 supporters in the local community; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby congratulate the Newton High School football  
8 team on winning the 2018 UIL 3A Division 2 state championship and  
9 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best  
10 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 84

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 84 was adopted by the House on March 6, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House