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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University-Commerce football team
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the National Collegiate
3 Athletic Association Division II national championship in Kansas
4 City, Kansas, on December 16, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, The Lions compiled a stellar overall record of 14
6 wins and only 1 defeat during 2017, the winningest season in program
7 history; after capturing the Lone Star Conference crown for the
8 fourth year in a row, the A&M-Commerce players went on to compile
9 playoff victories over Winona State, Central Washington, Minnesota
10 State, and Harding Universities before facing off against the
11 University of West Florida in the title game; and

12 WHEREAS, Led by quarterback Luis Perez, who threw for 323
13 yards and two touchdowns, A&M-Commerce bested West Florida by a
14 final score of 37-27, securing the university's first NCAA national
15 title; the victory also marked the 10th consecutive win for the
16 Lions, giving them the longest undefeated streak in all of Division
17 II football; and

18 WHEREAS, A&M-Commerce excelled with a true team effort,
19 receiving valuable contributions from each member of the roster
20 over the course of the 2017 campaign; these dedicated athletes were
21 guided by head coach Colby Carthel and the members of his staff,
22 whose leadership and expertise helped inspire the squad to play to
23 its full potential; and

24 WHEREAS, Through hard work, exceptional skill, and an

1 enduring commitment to excellence, the 2017 Lions proved themselves
2 the finest Division II team in the nation, and their achievement
3 will long be remembered and celebrated by A&M-Commerce students,
4 alumni, and fans; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Texas A&M University-Commerce
7 football team on winning the 2017 NCAA Division II national
8 championship and extend to its players, coaches, and staff best
9 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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