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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Longview High School football team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the 2018 University Interscholastic
3 League 6A Division 2 state championship, claiming the school's
4 first state crown in 81 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Competing for the title in front of more than 48,000
6 fans at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on December 22, Longview faced a
7 talented team from Beaumont West Brook High School; the Lobos took
8 the lead early, going up 13-7 as the first quarter came to a close,
9 but they trailed 34-29 late in the game; the Longview offense kept a
10 crucial drive alive with a 54-yard reception and followed with a
11 2-yard touchdown run to take a 1-point lead with just under five
12 minutes left in the game; the Lobos' defense then preserved the win
13 by pouncing on a West Brook fumble, and the team hoisted the trophy
14 with a thrilling 35-34 victory; and

15 WHEREAS, The Lobos were led by Offensive Most Valuable Player
16 Haynes King, who threw for 423 yards and 2 touchdowns and also ran
17 for a score; his favorite target, Kamden Perry, set a UIL 6A
18 championship game record with 218 receiving yards, and Defensive
19 MVP Jephaniah Lister collected 12 tackles; and

20 WHEREAS, Aably guided by head coach John King and his
21 assistants, Longview excelled throughout the year; unbeaten in the
22 regular season, the Lobos won the District 11 title and then bested
23 Copperas Cove, Prosper, Austin Vandegrift, Spring Westfield, and
24 Amarillo Tascosa High Schools on their march through the playoffs;

1 with the championship triumph, the 2018 Longview players ended the
2 season with a perfect 16-0 record and joined the 1937 squad as the
3 school's two title-winning teams; and

4 WHEREAS, Through countless hours of hard work and an
5 unwavering commitment to excellence, the Longview Lobos proved
6 themselves one of the top teams in Texas high school football in
7 2018, and they are a source of great pride to their school and
8 community; now, therefore, be it

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

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