

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mason High School football team reached the
2 pinnacle of success by winning the 2018 University Interscholastic
3 League 2A Division 1 state championship on December 20 at AT&T
4 Stadium in Arlington; and

5 WHEREAS, During the regular season, Mason reeled off 10
6 straight victories and claimed the District 14 title as well as the
7 No. 1 spot in the 2A state rankings; the Punchers rode a wave of
8 momentum into the playoffs and advanced through the bracket with
9 wins over Milano, Weimar, Wallis Brazos, Refugio, and San Augustine
10 High Schools; and

11 WHEREAS, In a battle between unbeaten teams, the Punchers
12 faced off against New Deal High School in the state final; Mason
13 struck quickly, going up 7-0 early in the first quarter, and it
14 never relinquished the lead the rest of the way; the Punchers held
15 their opponent scoreless over the last three quarters and triumphed
16 by a final score of 44-6; with the title game win, the team closed
17 out the year with a perfect record of 16 wins and no losses and
18 brought home the championship trophy for the second time in school
19 history; and

20 WHEREAS, Jake Cockerham and Klay Klaerner led Mason's rushing
21 attack in the final with two touchdowns apiece; on the other side of
22 the ball, Slone Stultz contributed a team-high eight tackles for a
23 stout Punchers defense that allowed only 16 touchdowns all season
24 long; ably guided by head coach Kade Burns and his assistants, the

1 Punchers received valuable contributions from each member of the
2 roster over the course of the 2018 campaign; and

3 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
4 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
5 commitment to excellence, and these talented student-athletes will
6 treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their
7 lives; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the Mason High School Punchers on
10 winning the 2018 UIL 2A Division 1 state football championship and
11 extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
12 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 406

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 406 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House