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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.