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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The boys' soccer team from Bel Air High School in El  
2 Paso reached the pinnacle of success by winning the University  
3 Interscholastic League 5A state title on April 20, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, The championship victory closed out a memorable year  
5 in which the Highlanders compiled an exceptional overall record of  
6 28 wins and only 1 loss; after claiming the District 2-5A title,  
7 they carried their momentum into the postseason, defeating  
8 Canutillo High School 4-0 in the opening round of the playoffs;  
9 subsequent victories over Amarillo, Eastlake, Burleson, and Lake  
10 Dallas High Schools secured the team's spot in the state tournament  
11 for the first time in school history; and

12           WHEREAS, In the semifinals, Bel Air bested Pharr Valley View  
13 in a nail-biting penalty kick shootout to advance to the title  
14 showdown against the defending 5A champions from Frisco Wakeland  
15 High School; in that contest, the teams were locked in a 1-1 tie  
16 after the first half of play, but a Highlander goal with just over  
17 17 minutes remaining proved the game winner, as the Bel Air defense  
18 held fast to secure the state crown; and

19           WHEREAS, Guided by head coach Sergio Delgado and assistant  
20 coaches Bryan Carbajal and Pedro Lugo, the Highlanders received  
21 valuable contributions throughout the year from each member of the  
22 roster: Omar Zamora, Bryan Guzman, Jose Gurrola, Jose Gonzalez,  
23 Jaime Cisneros, Oliver Lechuga, Ivar Arroyo, Luis Valenzuela,  
24 Gonzalo Padilla, Manuel Castellanos, Brayan Palomec, Bryan

1 Gutierrez, Cedric Carbajal, Brandon Valles, Joshua Santoyo, Yair  
2 Alcantar, Hector Prieto, Eduardo Mata, Ernesto Robles, Juan  
3 Contreras, Jamil Arroyo, Noel Rios, Sebastian Gonzalez, and Oscar  
4 Valenzuela; and

5 WHEREAS, Bel Air's state championship triumph represents the  
6 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering  
7 commitment to excellence, and the athletes and their many  
8 supporters in the local community will treasure the memory of this  
9 accomplishment for years to come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the boys' soccer team from Bel Air  
12 High School on winning the 2019 UIL 5A state championship and extend  
13 to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the  
14 future; and, be it further

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