

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The football team from La Vega High School in Waco  
2 reached the pinnacle of success by winning the 2018 University  
3 Interscholastic League 4A Division 1 state championship; and

4           WHEREAS, After closing out the regular season with seven  
5 straight victories, the Pirates maintained their momentum in the  
6 playoffs, defeating Lake Worth, Melissa, Paris, Argyle, and Decatur  
7 High Schools to advance to the December 21 state title contest; and

8           WHEREAS, Competing in front of a crowd of more than 19,000 at  
9 AT&T Stadium in Arlington, La Vega faced off against Liberty Hill  
10 High School with the state championship on the line; after battling  
11 to a 7-7 tie following two quarters of evenly matched play, the  
12 Pirates opened the throttle in the second half, returning a kickoff  
13 for a touchdown and finding the end zone on two aerial strikes; the  
14 La Vega defense halted a Liberty Hill comeback bid in the fourth  
15 quarter, and the Pirates emerged triumphant by a final score of  
16 35-21 to claim their school's second state title in the past four  
17 years; and

18           WHEREAS, Offensive Most Valuable Player Malachi Wright  
19 turned in an electrifying performance for La Vega, tallying 163  
20 receiving yards and two scores, including a 90-yard reception from  
21 Ara Rauls that was the longest touchdown pass in 4A title game  
22 history; Donta Stuart's 94-yard kickoff return broke another state  
23 record, and Defensive MVP Jared Rogers collected 15 tackles,  
24 including 12 solo stops; ably guided by head coach Don Hyde and his

1 assistants, the Pirates received valuable contributions from each  
2 member of the 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 La Vega High School football  
10 team on winning the 2018 UIL 4A Division 1 state 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 La Vega High School football team as an expression  
15 of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1654

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1654 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2019, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House