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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Mart High School football team once again proved
2 itself one of the finest in Texas by winning the 2018 University
3 Interscholastic League 2A Division 2 state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, The defending champs in their class, the Panthers
5 won 9 of 10 regular-season contests and claimed the District 11
6 title; Mart continued to excel throughout the playoffs, defeating
7 Saratoga West Hardin, Simms Bowie, Grapeland, Muenster, and Falls
8 City High Schools to earn its 11th trip to the state championship
9 contest; and

10 WHEREAS, Competing in front of a crowd of more than 7,000 fans
11 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Mart faced off against Gruver High
12 School in the December 19 finale; the Panthers unleashed a
13 devastating ground assault, rushing for nine touchdowns in the
14 first half alone; by intermission, the team had already set the
15 record for the most points scored in a 2A state championship game,
16 and it ultimately rang up a total of 76 to achieve a commanding
17 victory; when the final seconds ticked off the clock, Mart
18 collected its seventh title overall and celebrated the first
19 back-to-back crowns in program history; and

20 WHEREAS, The Panthers were led by Offensive Most Valuable
21 Player Tyrek Horne, who ran for seven touchdowns and 291 yards to
22 set a pair of 2A title game records; on the other side of the ball,
23 Defensive MVP Jacob Ybarra paced Mart with 6.5 tackles, two
24 interceptions, and four pass breakups; ably guided by head coach

1 Kevin Hoffman and his assistants, Mart received valuable
2 contributions from each member of the roster over the course of the
3 2018 campaign; and

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

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