

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 197

WHEREAS, The Longview High School football team brought its championship quest to a triumphant close by winning the 2018 University Interscholastic League 6A Division 2 state title on December 22 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, This marked the first state crown for the Lobos since 1937, and the team got the job done in impressive fashion, compiling a perfect 16-0 record; along the way, they dominated their regular season opponents and captured the district crown before going on to excel in postseason battles; opening the playoffs with a win against Copperas Cove, Longview then dispatched Prosper, Vandegrift, Westfield, and Tascosa High Schools to earn their spot in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, Facing off against Beaumont West Brook High School with the title on the line, Longview took an early lead but trailed by eight points at intermission; the squad battled its way back in the second half and claimed the lead on a two-yard touchdown run with 4:42 remaining; the Lobo defense then rose to the occasion by forcing a turnover on the ensuing West Brook drive, and when the final seconds ticked off the clock, the Longview faithful celebrated a nail-biting 35-34 victory; and

WHEREAS, The Lobos' success was the result of a true team effort, with each member of the roster providing valuable contributions over the course of the season; these dedicated athletes benefited from the expertise and leadership of head coach John King and his staff; and

WHEREAS, The players of the Longview High School football team demonstrated admirable skill and determination in winning the state crown and compiling a flawless record against top competition, and they will cherish their memories of this exemplary accomplishment for years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 86th Legislature, hereby congratulate the Longview High School football team on winning the 2018 University Interscholastic League 6A Division 2 state championship and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the Longview High School football team as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Hughes

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate