S.C.R. No. 13

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Continuing a proud tradition of success on the gridiron, the Carthage High School football team captured the University Interscholastic League 4A Division 2 state championship on December 18, 2020, at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, The Bulldogs won the title with a commanding 70-14 triumph over Gilmer High School, successfully defending their 2019 crown and taking home the school's eighth state championship in football since 2008; the victory completed a season in which the team dominated its competition en route to an undefeated 14-0 record; and

WHEREAS, After beginning its march through the postseason with an impressive showing over Silsbee High School, Carthage went on to defeat Salado and China Spring High Schools to secure a spot in the state semifinals against Wimberley; in that game, the Bulldogs raced to a 17-0 lead at halftime before closing out a 38-7 win and earning a trip to the state championship game; and

WHEREAS, In a rematch of an early-season contest against Gilmer, Carthage fell behind early in the state final, trailing 14-0 in the first quarter; the Bulldogs came roaring back, scoring five unanswered touchdowns in the first half and ultimately securing their second-straight undefeated season with a 56-point win; Offensive MVP Mason Courtney led the team with 289 all-purpose yards, and Brandon King was selected the Defensive MVP for his two-touchdown, four-interception performance; and

WHEREAS, Excelling with a true team effort, Carthage received valuable contributions from each member of the roster over the course of the 2020 campaign; the players were guided by head coach Scott Surratt, who extended his successful tenure by earning his eighth state crown with the Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Carthage High School football team demonstrated admirable skill and determination in winning the state title and achieving a perfect record against top competition, and these talented student-athletes will treasure the memory of this accomplishment for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby congratulate the Carthage High School football team on winning the 2020 UIL 4A Division 2 state championship and extend to all those associated with the squad sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

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I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 13 was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2021.

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I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 13 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2021.

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Approved:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_             Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_           Governor