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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The football team of Ennis High School put together  
2 an exceptional season in 2020, achieving a No. 1 ranking, winning  
3 the district championship, and advancing to the area finals of the  
4 state playoffs; and

5           WHEREAS, Despite a difficult regular season schedule that  
6 included matchups against six playoff qualifiers, the Lions proved  
7 unstoppable, besting each of their opponents by 24 points or more;  
8 armed with a high-powered offensive attack and a stout defense, the  
9 Lions compiled a perfect record of 8 wins and 0 losses en route to  
10 claiming the district crown; and

11           WHEREAS, The Lions continued their dominant play in the  
12 postseason opener, as they secured a decisive 49-0 victory over the  
13 squad from Liberty High School; in a hard-fought area round  
14 matchup, Ennis battled Mansfield Timberview High School, but  
15 ultimately fell to the Wolves, bringing a memorable season to a  
16 close; and

17           WHEREAS, Paced by quarterback Collin Drake, who was honored  
18 with as the district Most Valuable Player, Ennis received valuable  
19 contributions from each member of the roster over the course of the  
20 season; these dedicated athletes were guided by head coach Sam  
21 Harrell, who continued his inspiring comeback story; this respected  
22 mentor led the Lions to three state championships in the early 2000s  
23 but was forced to step away from the team in 2010 due to a lengthy  
24 struggle against multiple sclerosis; after undergoing treatment,

1 he regained his health and made his courageous return to the program  
2 in 2018; the team further benefited from the expertise of assistant  
3 coaches Brent Falls, Hank Hollywood, and Joe Kostiha and the  
4 support of statistician Brooke Sereika; and

5 WHEREAS, With their notable accomplishments on the gridiron  
6 during 2020, the members of this Lions football team have earned the  
7 admiration of their fellow students and their many community  
8 supporters, and they may indeed reflect with pride on a job well  
9 done; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the Ennis High School football team  
12 on a successful 2020 season and extend to the team's players,  
13 coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it  
14 further

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