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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

17 WHEREAS, In a rematch of an early-season contest against
18 Gilmer, Carthage fell behind early in the state final, trailing
19 14-0 in the first quarter; the Bulldogs came roaring back, scoring
20 five unanswered touchdowns in the first half and ultimately
21 securing their second-straight undefeated season with a 56-point
22 win; Offensive MVP Mason Courtney led the team with 289 all-purpose
23 yards, and Brandon King was selected the Defensive MVP for his
24 two-touchdown, four-interception performance; and

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

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

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

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