

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 291

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas School for the Deaf football team, which won the 2020 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Six-Man Division I state championship; and

WHEREAS, The Rangers won the school's first state championship in football by defeating previously unbeaten Veritas Academy by a score of 63-32; and

WHEREAS, Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Rangers were compelled to switch from 11-man to six-man football for the first time in school history, and team members demonstrated adaptability and perseverance in meeting this unique challenge; the team earned national attention from such media outlets as NBC's *Today* show and ESPN's *SportsCenter*; and

WHEREAS, Under the superior leadership and expertise of head coach John Moore Jr. and with the invaluable efforts of assistant coaches Joshua Moore, Harvey Nathanson, and Al Reins, the Rangers have developed exceptional teamwork and discipline; and

WHEREAS, The Texas School for the Deaf and Texans across the state are proud of the Rangers for their hard work, their impressive skills, and their fine sportsmanship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th Legislature, hereby commend the Texas School for the Deaf football team on its outstanding season and extend congratulations to team members on winning the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Six-Man Division I state championship; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 21, 2021.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate