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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Head football coach Tim Buchanan and athletic
2 director and former coach Steve Wood retired from the Aledo
3 Independent School District in 2023 after having guided the Aledo
4 Bearcats to a total of 11 state titles, setting the University
5 Interscholastic League record for the most football championships;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Tim Buchanan arrived at Aledo in 1993, and his
8 successful efforts to build a winning culture for the football
9 program transformed the Bearcats into a powerhouse; during the 25
10 years that he coached the team, Aledo won eight state
11 championships, and the Bearcats added three more titles during the
12 five-year period when he stepped away from coaching to serve as
13 athletic director before returning to the sidelines in 2019; his
14 final championship victory came on December 17, 2022, when Aledo
15 defeated College Station High School in the 5A Division 1 state
16 final; with the win, Coach Buchanan closed out his career with a
17 281-58-3 ledger; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Buchanan first joined the coaching ranks in
19 1984 as an assistant at Bastrop High School, and he later held
20 assistant positions at Killeen Ellison, The Colony, and A&M
21 Consolidated High Schools, the latter of which claimed the 1991 4A
22 state title during his tenure; one of the most respected figures in
23 the game, he was inducted into the Texas High School Coaches
24 Association Hall of Honor in July 2023; and

1 WHEREAS, Steve Wood joined the Aledo High faculty in 2002 as
2 the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the football
3 team, working under the direction of Coach Buchanan; over the next
4 two decades, he played an instrumental role in the Bearcats'
5 phenomenal success; after helping the team win four state crowns
6 during his tenure as assistant head coach, he served as head coach
7 from 2014 through 2018, guiding his players to three state
8 championships in four title game appearances and racking up 75 wins
9 against only 4 losses; in 2019, he concluded his coaching
10 responsibilities to become the district's athletic director, and
11 during the next four years, he provided essential support to the
12 team as it made three more state championship runs; and

13 WHEREAS, Earlier in his career, Mr. Wood distinguished
14 himself as a teacher and as a football, basketball, track, and
15 powerlifting coach; beginning in 1981, he was employed at Calhoun
16 High School in Port Lavaca, and he went on to work at J. Frank Dobie
17 High School in Houston and at Boswell High School in Fort Worth; and

18 WHEREAS, Architects of a gridiron dynasty at Aledo High
19 School, Tim Buchanan and Steve Wood set a new standard for coaching
20 excellence in Texas high school football, and their achievements
21 will resonate for years to come; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
23 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Tim Buchanan
24 and Steve Wood for leading the Aledo High School football team to a
25 UIL record 11 state championships and extend to them sincere best
26 wishes for the future; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Wood as an expression of high
2 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.