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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The boys' water polo team from Marcus High School in
2 Flower Mound closed out an unforgettable year by winning the 6A
3 championship at the 2023 University Interscholastic League Water
4 Polo State Tournament; and

5 WHEREAS, Following an outstanding performance in the regular
6 season, Marcus continued to excel in the playoffs, dispatching
7 Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas, Prosper High School,
8 and The Woodlands High School to secure a berth in the regional
9 finals; there, the Marauders bested Southlake Carroll 18-6,
10 avenging a loss in the 2022 regional title game and earning their
11 first trip to the state tournament; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 28 at the Josh Davis Natatorium in San
13 Antonio, Marcus opened the tournament against Richmond Foster High
14 School and emerged with a 14-9 semifinal win; later in the day, the
15 Marauders battled Boerne Champion High School for the 6A state
16 crown; holding a commanding 7-3 lead after the first quarter, the
17 Marcus players dominated the rest of the way to triumph by the final
18 score of 25-12; with the victory, the Marauders became the second
19 boys' state champion in water polo, which was sanctioned as an
20 official UIL sport in 2022; the team ended the year with an
21 exceptional record of 24 wins and only 2 losses; and

22 WHEREAS, Marcus was led in the title contest by Most Valuable
23 Player Joseph McCreary, and he was joined on the All-Tournament
24 Team by Asher Brunner; over the course of the season, the Marauders

1 also received valuable contributions from the other members of the
2 roster: Cooper Smith, Owen Kroh, Cylas Dion, Kris Podsiadlo, Landon
3 Heuer, Dylan Hayslip, Jake Bracken, Brady Tanner, Deven Lloyd,
4 Sebastien Coutts, Austin Smerud, and Tristan Birch; these
5 determined student-athletes were ably guided by head coach Brandon
6 Dion and assistant coach David Conrad; and

7 WHEREAS, Winning a state championship represents the
8 culmination of countless hours of hard work and an unwavering
9 commitment to excellence, and the Marcus Marauders will treasure
10 the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their lives; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
13 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate the Marcus
14 High School boys' water polo team on winning the 2023 UIL 6A state
15 championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere
16 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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