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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Carthage High School football team once again
2 reached the pinnacle of success by capturing the 2022 University
3 Interscholastic League 4A Division 2 state championship; and

4 WHEREAS, The Bulldogs began their journey to the title with
5 an undefeated regular-season run that yielded the district
6 championship; continuing to excel in the playoffs, they bested
7 Pittsburg, Van Alstyne, Gilmer, and Texarkana Pleasant Grove High
8 Schools to reach the state semifinals; in that contest, Carthage
9 clinched a thrilling 42-35 decision over Glen Rose High by scoring a
10 touchdown with only eight seconds remaining; with the win, the team
11 punched its ticket to the state championship game for the 10th time
12 in school history; and

13 WHEREAS, On December 16, top-ranked Carthage battled No. 6
14 Wimberley High School for the state crown at AT&T Stadium in
15 Arlington; delivering impressive performances on both sides of the
16 ball, the Bulldogs capitalized on forced turnovers and controlled
17 the line of scrimmage, building an insurmountable 35-0 halftime
18 lead and going on to triumph by the final score of 42-0; with the
19 victory, Carthage collected its ninth state title, adding to its
20 championships won in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2019, and
21 2020, and ended the season with a perfect 16-0 record; and

22 WHEREAS, Carthage was led in the title game by Connor Cuff and
23 Jakerrian Roquemore, the game's respective Offensive and Defensive
24 Most Valuable Players, and by Noah Paddie, who tied a 4A state final

1 record with 191 receiving yards; the Bulldogs also received
2 valuable contributions throughout the year from each member of the
3 roster, and these talented student-athletes were ably guided by
4 head coach Scott Surratt, who secured his ninth title in 15 years as
5 head coach at Carthage; and

6 WHEREAS, Through hard work and an unwavering resolve to give
7 their very best, the Carthage Bulldogs have furthered the school's
8 legacy of football excellence, and all those associated with the
9 team may reflect with pride on a job well done; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
12 Called Session, hereby congratulate the Carthage High School
13 football team on winning the 2022 UIL 4A Division 2 state
14 championship and extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere
15 best wishes for 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 Senate.