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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The football team from Randle High School in
2 Richmond closed out an unforgettable year by winning the 2024
3 University Interscholastic League 5A Division 2 state
4 championship; and

5 WHEREAS, With their upset victory over South Oak Cliff High
6 School at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on December 20, the Lions
7 claimed the school's first state crown and brought their record to a
8 perfect 16-0 for the year; throughout the regular season, the
9 Randle players bested their opponents with a potent offense that
10 averaged more than 54 points per game and an aggressive defense that
11 posted three shutouts; and

12 WHEREAS, The team began its postseason march with a
13 dominating 63-7 first round triumph over Belton; the Lions followed
14 with impressive wins over Elgin, Brenham, and Iowa Colony High
15 Schools before recording a 42-7 triumph against Boerne in the
16 semifinals to earn a trip to the state championship game; and

17 WHEREAS, Making their first state title appearance since the
18 school was founded in 2021, Randle entered the contest as 21-point
19 underdogs against South Oak Cliff; the Lions opened the game with an
20 82-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and led 24-14 at halftime;
21 the second half was a thrilling back-and-forth battle that featured
22 four lead changes, but the Lions landed the decisive blow midway
23 through the final quarter by returning another kickoff for a
24 touchdown, and the defense held strong down the stretch to secure a

1 38-35 victory; and

2 WHEREAS, The Randle offense was led by sophomore Landen
3 Williams-Callis, who rushed for over 100 yards and scored a
4 touchdown on his way to being named the Offensive Most Valuable
5 Player; pacing the defense was junior linebacker Ryan Mallory, who
6 recorded 12 tackles to earn the Defensive MVP award; ably guided by
7 head coach Brian Randle, the Lions received valuable contributions
8 from each member of the roster over the course of the 2024 campaign;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Through countless hours of hard work and an
11 unwavering commitment to excellence, the Randle Lions realized
12 their season-long goal of becoming state champions, and their
13 accomplishment is a source of great pride to their school and to
14 their many supporters in the community; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
16 Legislature hereby congratulate the Randle High School football
17 team on winning the UIL 5A Division 2 state championship and extend
18 to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for
19 continued success; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the Lions as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.