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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Columbus High School football team closed out an  
2 unforgettable year in triumphant fashion by winning the 2024  
3 University Interscholastic League 3A Division 1 state championship  
4 on December 19; and

5           WHEREAS, Following a stellar performance in the regular  
6 season, the Cardinals dispatched playoff opponents C. H. Yoe,  
7 Westwood, Yoakum, and Franklin High Schools to reach the state  
8 semifinals; there, Columbus earned its first trip to the state  
9 title game with a decisive 49-6 win over Edna High School; and

10           WHEREAS, Taking the field at AT&T Stadium in Arlington for  
11 the 3A Division 1 final, Columbus faced the defending champion,  
12 Malakoff High School; inspired by the memory of fallen teammate  
13 Aleks Medrano, who passed away in October, the Cardinals scored  
14 touchdowns on all five of their first-half possessions to hold a  
15 commanding 34-7 lead at halftime; they continued to dominate in the  
16 second half, tacking on two more touchdowns and cruising to a 48-14  
17 victory; and

18           WHEREAS, Leading the Columbus attack was senior quarterback  
19 Adam Schobel, who was selected as the Offensive Most Valuable  
20 Player after passing for 261 yards and two touchdowns as well as  
21 scoring on a two-yard run; senior linebacker John Schobel recorded  
22 10 tackles and 3 sacks en route to being named the Defensive MVP;  
23 senior running back Grayson Rigdon also excelled in the game,  
24 scoring four touchdowns and tallying 119 yards rushing; and

1           WHEREAS, The success enjoyed by Columbus in 2024 was the  
2 result of an exceptional team effort; under the able leadership of  
3 head coach Matt Schobel and his staff, each player on the roster  
4 made valuable contributions that enabled the Cardinals to realize  
5 their long-awaited goal of hoisting the state championship trophy;  
6 and

7           WHEREAS, In capturing their school's first state title, the  
8 members of the Columbus High football team demonstrated remarkable  
9 skill and determination, and they are a source of tremendous pride  
10 to their many supporters in the community; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby congratulate the Columbus High School football  
13 team on winning the 2024 UIL 3A Division 1 state championship and  
14 extend to the players, coaches, and staff sincere best wishes for  
15 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 House of Representatives.