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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Ganado High School football team earned the
2 mantle of state champion by winning the 2024 University
3 Interscholastic League 2A Division 1 state title game; and

4 WHEREAS, The Indians began their journey to the championship
5 by going 9-1 in the regular season and clinching the district title
6 with an unblemished record; next delivering a dominant performance
7 in the playoffs, they bested Skidmore-Tynan, Crawford, Refugio, and
8 Marlin High Schools to reach the state semifinals; there, Ganado
9 dispatched Joaquin High School 35-14 to secure a coveted berth in
10 the state final; and

11 WHEREAS, Ganado took the field against top-ranked Stamford
12 High School at AT&T Stadium in Arlington; the Indians held a
13 seven-point advantage at halftime and led by the same margin going
14 into the final frame; with the game knotted at 21-all at the end of
15 regulation, Ganado headed for overtime; a touchdown run put the
16 Indians ahead in the first OT, and their opponent then responded
17 with a scoring throw, tying the contest at 28-28; a scoreless second
18 OT set the stage for an exciting finish in the third extra period to
19 be determined by two-point conversion tries; a completed pass again
20 put Ganado in the lead, and with the title on the line, the team
21 intercepted a pass to seal the win; with the 30-28 victory, Ganado
22 claimed the first state championship in program history and capped
23 the year with an outstanding 15-1 record; and

24 WHEREAS, Bryce Ullman was named the title game's Offensive

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1 Most Valuable Player after accounting for three touchdowns, and
2 Defensive MVP Cain Hayden collected three tackles and two
3 interceptions; over the course of their campaign, the Indians
4 received valuable contributions from each member of the roster, and
5 these determined student-athletes benefited from the direction of
6 head coach Josh Ervin and his assistant coaches; and

7 WHEREAS, Through countless hours of hard work and an
8 unwavering commitment to excellence, the Ganado Indians realized
9 their season-long goal of becoming state champions, and they will
10 treasure the memory of this accomplishment for the rest of their
11 lives; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Ganado High School football
14 team on winning the 2024 UIL 2A Division 1 state championship and
15 extend to all those associated with the squad sincere best wishes
16 for the future; and, be it further

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