



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The boys' soccer team from Castleberry High School in Fort Worth closed out an unforgettable year by advancing all the way to the 2025 University Interscholastic League 4A Division 1 state championship game; and

WHEREAS, The Lions asserted their dominance on the pitch in the regular season, losing only one game and collecting the district championship; entering the playoffs on a seven-game winning streak, the squad bested Western Hills High School, Life High School Waxahachie, and Decatur and Lake Dallas High Schools to earn a place in the final four; and

WHEREAS, On April 5, Castleberry met Nevada Community High School in the semifinals; the Lions excelled on defense, holding their opponent scoreless to record a 2-0 triumph and reserve a coveted spot in the state title game; five days later, Castleberry battled Salado High School in a thrilling showdown for the 4A Division 1 crown; while their championship bid ultimately fell short in overtime, the Lions set a new level of success, becoming the first team in program history to compete in a state final; and

WHEREAS, Castleberry's players and coaches collected multiple accolades; Gio Saldana, Jose Chairez, Christian Serrato, and Eddie Zapata made the 4A Division 1 All-Tournament Team, and the Lions were well-represented on the District 8-4A squad, with Mr. Zapata selected the Offensive Player of the Year, Mr. Serrato as the Co-Defensive Player of the Year, and Gerardo Garcia as the Midfielder of the Year; moreover, head coach Paul Smith and assistant coaches Sean Fontenot and Bryan Carrillo were named the District Staff of the Year, while Mr. Smith was chosen the Region 1 Head Coach of the Year and Mr. Fontenot was the Region 1 Assistant Coach of the Year; in addition, Mr. Serrato, Mr. Zapata, Mr. Chairez, and Caleb Castaneda garnered All-State recognition; and

WHEREAS, The Castleberry Lions demonstrated exceptional dedication while competing against the top 4A Division 1 teams in Texas, and they are a source of great pride to their school and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Castleberry High School boys' soccer team be congratulated on its exceptional 2025 season and that the players, coaches, and staff be extended sincere best wishes for continued success.

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