



1       WHEREAS, the state title was the football program's first since  
2 1971 and their second football championship overall; and

3       WHEREAS, the Bulldogs were winning throughout the entire ball  
4 game leading in the third quarter 20-7 when Collinsville came back  
5 to take a 21-20 lead; and

6       WHEREAS, with only 3:51 remaining in the fourth quarter, the  
7 game was tied 28-28; and

8       WHEREAS, the pressure was on for Altus kicker Gabe Barton who  
9 made a 40-yard field goal as Collinsville called a timeout. The  
10 senior was not phased, though, and made a second field goal as time  
11 expired to seal the Bulldogs' 31-28 victory; and

12       WHEREAS, Altus senior running back Taven Birdow was the heavy  
13 hitter for the Bulldogs rushing for 171 yards and three touchdowns  
14 on 28 carries; and

15       WHEREAS, Altus quarterback-cornerback Jayden Benway also ran for  
16 a 100-yard touchdown return on an interception, which was his 15th  
17 for the season and the 23rd of his career; and

18       WHEREAS, nearly the entire community of Altus was in attendance  
19 and fans started tailgating early in the morning and overflowed from  
20 the visitor's stands into nearly half of the home stands.

21       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION  
22 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
23 CONCURRING THEREIN:

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1        THAT the Oklahoma Legislature congratulates the 2015 Class 5A  
2 Football State Champions, the Altus Bulldogs.

3        THAT the Oklahoma Legislature commends the team's hard work and  
4 dedication to win their first title since 1971 and the school's  
5 second football state championship.

6        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Altus High  
7 School Principal Rita Beisel and Athletic Director Todd Ware.

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9 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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