

By: White

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jessie White of West Brook High School in Beaumont
2 was inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches
3 Association Hall of Fame on July 17, 2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Joining a distinguished group of honorees,
5 Mr. White entered the PVILCA Hall of Fame as part of its "Bridging
6 the Gap" project, which was created to focus attention on the
7 integration of the two primary sports and academic competition
8 leagues in Texas, the Prairie View Interscholastic League and the
9 University Interscholastic League; and

10 WHEREAS, A native of Tyler County, Mr. White was a member of
11 the first class of Black students to complete all four years of
12 study at Warren High School; though he faced bigotry in those early
13 years of integration, he excelled in his studies and as a multisport
14 athlete; after graduating in 1976, he received a basketball
15 scholarship to Temple Junior College, and he went on to transfer to
16 Sam Houston State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree
17 in sociology and history; he later obtained a master's degree in
18 educational administration from Prairie View A&M University; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. White has enjoyed a long and accomplished career
20 as a coach and educator; after joining the faculty at West Brook
21 High School, he took the helm of the Lady Bruins basketball team and
22 ultimately compiled 350 wins as head coach; moreover, he also
23 coached volleyball and served as an assistant for West Brook
24 football and track teams that won state championships; he is

1 renowned as an influential mentor who has made a positive
2 difference in the lives of many students, and he has been recognized
3 by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and the Texas Girls
4 Coaches Association for his contributions to high school sports;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Now retired from coaching, Mr. White continues to
7 teach history at West Brook High, where he has worked for 40 years;
8 in all of his endeavors, he enjoys the love and support of his wife,
9 Wanda; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts, Jessie White has set
11 an outstanding example to which others may aspire, and he is indeed
12 deserving of this prestigious hall of fame tribute; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Jessie White
16 on his induction into the Prairie View Interscholastic League
17 Coaches Association Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best
18 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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