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H.C.R. No. 13

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his notable contributions to area
2 athletics, Jesse Benavidez was inducted into the Midland
3 Independent School District Hall of Legends on October 27, 2023;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Every other year, the Hall of Legends recognizes a
6 new class of inductees, honoring exceptional athletes, teams, and
7 coaches, as well as prominent supporters of the district's sports
8 programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Jesse Benavidez enjoyed an exemplary career with
10 Midland ISD that spanned more than three decades; he began coaching
11 in 1974 at Lee Freshman High School and later became an assistant
12 football and baseball coach at Lee High School; in 1990, he took the
13 reins of the Rebel baseball program as head coach, and over the next
14 17 years, he built a remarkable record of success; under his
15 direction, Lee compiled a total of 36 district, bi-district, area,
16 and regional quarterfinal championships and advanced to the 2007
17 state tournament in his final season before retiring; this
18 respected mentor was a 10-time district Coach of the Year, and he
19 compiled an outstanding ledger of 365 wins, 176 losses, and 3 ties;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A talented baseball player in his own right, Coach
22 Benavidez was a two-time collegiate All-American at Lubbock
23 Christian University; he was inducted into the LCU Hall of Honor in
24 1989 and was chosen as the centerfielder for the university's 1970s

1 All-Decade Team; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts, Jesse Benavidez has
3 furthered the proud tradition of athletic excellence and
4 participation that has long been a hallmark of Midland ISD, and he
5 is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
8 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Jesse Benavidez on his
9 induction into the Midland ISD Hall of Legends and extend to him
10 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Coach Benavidez as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.