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H.R. No. 1710

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Larrian Meniffee of Ball High School in Galveston has  
2 been nominated for the 2024 Grammy Music Educator Award; and

3 WHEREAS, This annual honor recognizes current full-time  
4 educators who make significant and lasting contributions to the  
5 field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to  
6 maintaining music education in schools; winners receive a \$10,000  
7 honorarium and a matching grant for their school music program;  
8 Mr. Meniffee is one of 200 quarterfinalists from across the nation  
9 nominated for the 2024 award; and

10 WHEREAS, A native of Galveston and an alumnus of Ball High,  
11 Mr. Meniffee is currently in his second year as director of the  
12 school's choir program; he has created a five-year strategic plan  
13 that includes a new mission statement, measurable goals, community  
14 initiatives, program culture, and artistic excellence expectations  
15 for the students; he also added specific voice classes for  
16 beginner-grade students as well as an audition-based advanced class  
17 called "Golden Voices"; and

18 WHEREAS, Under his leadership, enrollment for the choral  
19 program has grown from 11 students to 62, and there has been an  
20 increase in local performance opportunities and sponsorships  
21 funding student travel opportunities as well; the choir performed  
22 in Mexico last January and is scheduled to sing in New York City  
23 next year; in addition to directing the choir, Mr. Meniffee coaches  
24 the school's volleyball team; and

1           WHEREAS, Larrian Meniffee exemplifies the passion,  
2 determination, and innovative spirit that are the hallmarks of our  
3 best teachers, and he is indeed a deserving nominee for this  
4 prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Larrian Meniffee on his nomination  
7 for the 2024 Grammy Music Educator Award and extend to him sincere  
8 best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Mr. Meniffee as an expression of high regard by the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.