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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The distinguished career of Coach Ken Dabbs has been
2 duly recognized with his induction into the Texas High School
3 Coaches Association Hall of Honor; and

4 WHEREAS, A talented multisport athlete, Coach Dabbs played
5 football, baseball, track, and tennis at Freer High School,
6 graduating in 1951; he went on to earn a bachelor of science degree
7 from Sam Houston State University, and in 1973 he received a
8 master's degree in education from the University of North Texas;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Dabbs took his first athletics job at
11 Bellville High School, where as assistant coach he helped lead the
12 Brahmas to the State 2A quarterfinals; in 1958, Sweeny High School
13 hired him to be head track coach and assistant football coach, and
14 during his tenure there Coach Dabbs led the Bulldogs to eight
15 district and three regional track championships and played a vital
16 role in the school's 1966 state football championship; and

17 WHEREAS, Transferring to Irving High School, Coach Dabbs
18 obtained his first head football coaching position and also served
19 as athletic director; under his guidance, the Tigers reached the
20 State 4A quarterfinals with an impressive 11-2 season record;
21 following his success in Irving, Coach Dabbs moved to Austin to
22 become head football coach and athletic director at Westlake High
23 School; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1973, Coach Dabbs entered the realm of college

1 sports, taking a job as assistant football coach and recruiting
2 coordinator for The University of Texas at Austin, where from 1973
3 to 1983 he helped the Longhorns win five Southwest Conference
4 Championships and 10 bowl games; in 1984, he became the assistant
5 athletic director for football and facility operations at UT,
6 continuing in that position until his retirement in 1995; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted husband to his wife, Marguerite, and the
8 proud father of three sons, Bob, Bryan, and Doug, Coach Dabbs is
9 currently employed as the regional sales manager for SRI Sports,
10 where the experience he garnered during four decades in the sports
11 profession continues to benefit others; and

12 WHEREAS, The tradition of excellence that Coach Dabbs
13 established throughout his coaching career left an indelible mark
14 on Texas high school and college sports, and it is indeed fitting to
15 pay tribute to this esteemed individual at this time; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Coach Ken
19 Dabbs on his induction into the Texas High School Coaches
20 Association Hall of Honor and extend to him best wishes for
21 continued happiness and good fortune; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Coach Dabbs as an expression of high regard by the
24 Texas House of Representatives.