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H.R. No. 510

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In 1994, the Terrell Independent School District
2 Board of Trustees sought an individual of outstanding capabilities
3 and high ethical standards to become the athletic director and head
4 football coach of Terrell High School; and

5 WHEREAS, Tom Ed Gooden, a Christian man of great character,
6 moral integrity, and unwavering commitment to leading young
7 student-athletes to success both on and off the playing field,
8 readily accepted this challenge; and

9 WHEREAS, For the next nine years, Coach Gooden led his
10 "fighting Terrell Tigers" to an impressive 70-34 record, reaching
11 the playoffs in seven consecutive seasons; during his tenure, eight
12 Terrell High School football players embarked on athletic and
13 academic careers at Division I colleges, while seven players joined
14 Division II college football programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Gooden returned pride and community
16 enthusiasm to the athletic program at Terrell High School and
17 always placed the emphasis on education over athletics for his
18 young charges; this remarkable gentleman has become a father figure
19 to many of his students, whose lives will be forever changed by
20 Coach Gooden's positive example and commitment to excellence; and

21 WHEREAS, Tom Ed Gooden's legacy of success will long be
22 remembered by the citizens of Terrell, and though he will be missed
23 by students, parents, and colleagues alike, it is a pleasure to wish
24 him well in his new role as athletic director of Pasadena Memorial

1 High School and to extend best wishes to his loving wife, Denise,
2 and his son, Lance, for continued happiness in their new home; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby recognize the many accomplishments of Tom Ed
6 Gooden and commend him for his outstanding contributions to the
7 community of Terrell; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Tom Ed Gooden as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.