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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The history of men's collegiate basketball in the
2 State of Texas cannot be told without paying homage to legendary
3 coach Guy V. Lewis, who built the University of Houston Cougars'
4 program into a national powerhouse; and

5 WHEREAS, A captain on the Houston basketball team that won
6 two Lone Star Conference championships, Mr. Lewis returned to his
7 alma mater in 1953 as an assistant coach, and moved up to the head
8 coaching position three years later; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of the next three decades, this
10 superb coach led his Cougar teams to 592 victories, five NCAA Final
11 Four appearances, 14 NCAA tournament berths, two Southwest
12 Conference regular season championships, and four Southwest
13 Conference postseason tournament titles; and

14 WHEREAS, An extraordinary assessor of hoops talent, Coach
15 Lewis recruited 15 players who went on to become All-Americans,
16 including such greats as Elvin Hayes, Hakeem Olajuwon, and Clyde
17 Drexler, and had 29 of his Cougars selected in the NBA draft; and

18 WHEREAS, He garnered national Coach of the Year honors in
19 1968 and 1983, is the recipient of the inaugural Don Haskins Texas
20 Lifetime Achievement Award and an inductee into the University of
21 Houston Hall of Honor, and received the singular honor of having the
22 Hofheinz Pavilion basketball floor named the "Guy V. Lewis Court"
23 in 1995; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his storied career with the University of

1 Houston, Coach Lewis maintained a level of excellence that few can
2 ever hope to duplicate, and it is indeed appropriate that he receive
3 special legislative recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Guy V. Lewis on his remarkable
6 coaching career at the University of Houston and his outstanding
7 contributions to collegiate basketball in the State of Texas; and,
8 be it further

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