

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, When Ray Overton accepted his first teaching and
2 coaching position in 1948, he gained more than a job, having found
3 his life's calling; and

4 WHEREAS, Today, at 79 years of age, this remarkable man is
5 still at it, teaching and inspiring kids and serving as a positive
6 role model to students and peers alike in his job as a science
7 teacher at MacArthur High School in Irving; and

8 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University, he served with
9 distinction in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and had
10 intended to return to the family farm to make his career after
11 college, but fate intervened in the form of a posting for a football
12 coach at a school in nearby Paint Creek; and

13 WHEREAS, After 15 years in Paint Creek, "Coach O" accepted a
14 job at Abilene Cooper before moving to MacArthur in the early
15 1980s; he is widely respected for his ability to motivate and engage
16 students in the learning process and instill in them a love for
17 education that continues long after they leave his classroom; and

18 WHEREAS, Several generations of Lone Star students are better
19 educated and better prepared for their future because of Ray
20 Overton, and it is a great pleasure to honor this esteemed
21 gentleman, for whom teaching and helping teens remains the greatest
22 reward; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby commend Ray Overton for his exceptional career

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1 as an educator and extend to him best wishes for continued success
2 and fulfillment in his vital work; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Mr. Overton as an expression of highest regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1934 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House