

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 24

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Frank "Butch" Tudyk for his many years of dedication to his Santa Sack project; and

**WHEREAS**, Butch Tudyk has enjoyed a long career as a coach, health teacher, and counselor for the Poteet Independent School District, and he has long had a reputation for his friendly countenance and goodwill toward others; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1987, during economically hard times in Poteet, he founded the Santa Sack project to provide a cheerful holiday to students and area children in need; the community responded to his call for donations of clothing, food, and money; through his efforts, an important annual community tradition was born; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the years, the Santa Sack project has benefited from the support of Poteet residents who have opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to sustain this important community-wide effort; monetary contributions to the project grew from \$1,800 in the first year to more than \$10,700 last year; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Tudyk has engendered a genuine Christmas spirit in the City of Poteet and has been an inspiration to countless Poteet Independent School District students, many of whom have volunteered their time to help raise funds on behalf of the Santa Sack project; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Tudyk is now retiring, and after 16 years of managing the Santa Sack project, he is leaving it in the hands of the Poteet High School Interact Club; and

**WHEREAS**, An exemplary gentleman and community leader, Coach Tudyk deserves recognition for his invaluable contributions to the young people of Poteet and to the Poteet Independent School District; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby express appreciation to Coach Frank Tudyk and extend best wishes to him for a happy retirement; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 21, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate