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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The "Players' Salute to Coach Barry Switzer" gala
2 weekend in Houston being held from August 12 to 13, 2005, pays
3 tribute to one of the premier football coaches of the modern era;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, An Arkansas native, Coach Switzer graduated from
6 Crossett High School with honors and went on to play center and
7 linebacker for the University of Arkansas; hired by Oklahoma
8 University as an offensive line coach in 1966, he was named
9 offensive coordinator the following year and is credited with
10 introducing the wishbone offense to the Sooner team, paving the way
11 for the university's remarkable football dynasty; and

12 WHEREAS, During his 16-year tenure at Oklahoma University,
13 Coach Switzer accumulated a 157-29-4 record, making him the
14 winningest active coach in the country; tallying a 28-game winning
15 streak in his first three seasons as head coach, Coach Switzer led
16 the Sooner team to three national championships, 12 Big Eight
17 Conference championships, and eight bowl wins, before retiring from
18 OU in June 1989; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Switzer began his storied tenure with the
20 Dallas Cowboys in April 1994, when he was named the team's head
21 coach; in his first year coaching in the National Football League,
22 Coach Switzer led his Cowboys team through a 13-5 season and to the
23 National Football Conference championship game; the following
24 season he brought Dallas all the way to Super Bowl XXX, where they

1 defeated the Pittsburgh Steelers to claim the coveted Super Bowl
2 ring, making Coach Switzer only the second member of his profession
3 to coach his teams to a National Collegiate Athletics Association
4 football championship and a Super Bowl victory; and

5 WHEREAS, This legendary coach is held in the highest regard
6 by his former players and his countless fans, and his lifetime
7 achievements on the gridiron indeed merit special recognition; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby honor Barry Switzer on his
11 remarkable coaching career and extend to him sincere best wishes
12 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for Coach Switzer as an expression of high regard by the
15 Texas House of Representatives.