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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Stan Bonewitz, the longtime boys' basketball coach
2 at East Central High School in San Antonio and a legend in the ranks
3 of Texas high school basketball, is retiring after a superlative
4 career as an educator, mentor, and role model; and

5 WHEREAS, During his 24 seasons as head coach of the East
6 Central Hornets, Coach Bonewitz directed the team to the 1995 Class
7 5A state championship title, the 1988 and 1994 state semifinals,
8 and multiple appearances in regional competition; the team's 1995
9 season featured a perfect 35-0 record, and stands as a testament to
10 the team's exceptional chemistry and the brilliant leadership of
11 Coach Bonewitz; and

12 WHEREAS, Before joining the staff at East Central, this
13 esteemed educator coached 12 seasons at St. Gerard High School,
14 where he also won a state championship; his 36 seasons as a head
15 coach resulted in an impressive 708-432 overall record, and his
16 unique coaching style, which emphasized team speed, pressure
17 defense, and three-point shooting, earned him a reputation as one
18 of the hard court's most highly regarded tacticians; and

19 WHEREAS, A noted athlete during his youth, Coach Bonewitz
20 turned down a football scholarship to The University of Texas at
21 Austin and instead attended St. Mary's University, where he was a
22 four-year letterman in baseball and basketball; he set his eyes on a
23 career in coaching long ago, absorbing the nuances of various
24 sports as he prepared to join the competitive and demanding

1 coaching profession; and

2 WHEREAS, Throughout his remarkable career, Coach Bonewitz
3 has demonstrated dedication, commitment to excellence, and
4 humility, earning the respect and admiration of students, parents,
5 and colleagues, and although his retirement marks the end of his
6 coaching career, the impact he has made continues to resonate in the
7 lives of the countless young men who have benefited from his
8 expertise and wisdom; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Stan Bonewitz
11 on the occasion of his retirement as the boys' basketball coach at
12 East Central High School and extend best wishes to him for a happy
13 and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

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