

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 274

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The concourse of the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex of
2 the Dallas Independent School District has been named in honor of
3 Goree Johnson, an assistant athletic director of the DISD; and

4 WHEREAS, A highly successful former coach, Mr. Johnson began
5 working with student athletes at O'Banion Junior High School in
6 Garland; he later served as head coach at Garland High School, where
7 his team rosters included future NBA player Ricky Pierce; Mr.
8 Johnson subsequently joined the staff of Justin F. Kimball High
9 School in Dallas, and during his tenure there he led the Knights to
10 two consecutive state basketball championships, in 1996 and 1997;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Honored by his peers on numerous occasions, Mr.
13 Johnson was chosen in 1997 to coach the North team in the Texas High
14 School Coaches Association All-Star Basketball Game; and

15 WHEREAS, Appointed to his present post in 1998, this esteemed
16 Texan oversees all district athletic facilities, transportation
17 and out-of-town housing for athletes, and training and professional
18 development for coaches, in addition to coordinating the district's
19 basketball and wrestling programs; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson and his wife, Diane, have four children,
21 Alicia, Roderick, Royce, and Rodney, and seven grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Through the years, Goree Johnson has given countless
23 Dallas students a vision of what they can attain through
24 perseverance and hard work, and it is a privilege to join in

1 commending him for his immeasurable contributions to the youth of
2 his city; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Goree Johnson
5 on the naming of the concourse at the Jesse Owens Memorial Complex
6 in his honor and warmly commend him on his distinguished record of
7 achievement; and, be it further

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