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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Longtime Longhorn baseball coach Cliff Gustafson
2 has been selected for the inaugural class of the College Baseball
3 Hall of Fame, and his induction into this unique sports shrine is
4 indeed fitting, given his myriad contributions to college
5 athletics; and

6 WHEREAS, Head coach at The University of Texas at Austin from
7 1968 to 1996, "Coach Gus" guided the Longhorns to an impressive
8 1,466-377 record and two national titles in his 29 seasons at the
9 helm of the school's baseball program; moreover, his 472-151
10 conference record included a remarkable 22 Southwest Conference
11 titles; and

12 WHEREAS, Named National Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1983,
13 the Kenedy, Texas, native coached 133 All-Southwest Conference
14 players, including nine SWC Players of the Year; his teams featured
15 six Academic All-Americans, 35 first-team All-Americans, 12
16 second-team All-Americans, and nine third-team All-Americans; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Gustafson's roots with UT date back to 1952,
18 when he played for the Longhorns on the Southwest Conference
19 championship team that advanced to the NCAA College World Series;
20 his coaching career also includes 14 seasons as head coach at South
21 San Antonio High School and an astonishing seven Texas high school
22 championship crowns; and

23 WHEREAS, A member of the American Baseball Coaches
24 Association Hall of Fame and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, Coach

1 Gustafson richly deserves his induction into the newly established
2 College Baseball Hall of Fame; his record of success and
3 achievement speaks for itself, and his impact on college baseball
4 cannot be overstated; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Coach Cliff
7 Gustafson on his selection to the inaugural class of the College
8 Baseball Hall of Fame and commend him for his exemplary career as a
9 coach and mentor for countless student-athletes at The University
10 of Texas at Austin; and, be it further

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