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H.R. No. 1416

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Arthur C. Lilly of Houston has made impressive  
2 contributions to his community as an educator and civic leader; and

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Lilly earned his bachelor's degree from Prairie  
4 View A&M University in 1942 and his master's in public school  
5 administration from Texas Southern University in 1951; he played  
6 varsity football and basketball at Prairie View and was elected to  
7 the Black Colleges All America and All Conference Teams in 1941 and  
8 to the Prairie View Sports Hall of Fame in 1988; and

9           WHEREAS, This esteemed coach, teacher, and administrator  
10 joined the Galena Park Independent School District as a teacher at  
11 Fidelity Elementary School in 1947; several years later, he began  
12 working at the high school, where he taught science and social  
13 studies and supervised summer recreation programs; in 1954, he  
14 became the school's principal, a post he held for more than 15  
15 years; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1970, he moved to the district offices where he  
17 worked on desegregation projects, in remedial math and reading  
18 programs, and in training programs to foster cultural awareness; he  
19 retired from Galena Park ISD after an exceptional 30-plus year  
20 career and then served as administrator/director for the J.D.  
21 Walker Community Center in McNair for six years; and

22           WHEREAS, Since 1947, Mr. Lilly has been actively involved in  
23 civic projects concerned with the improvement and development of  
24 the communities of Galena Park, Galena Manor, Fidelity, and Clinton

1 Park, and he has received numerous awards and honors for his  
2 efforts; he organized the first Boy Scout troop at Fidelity  
3 Elementary School while he was teaching there, and he later  
4 received the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver and Outstanding  
5 Leader Awards; and

6 WHEREAS, Arthur C. Lilly is truly an inspiration to all who  
7 know of him; he has dedicated his life to nurturing the minds and  
8 spirits of young Texans, and he is most worthy of special  
9 recognition and praise for his notable achievements; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor Arthur C. Lilly for his accomplishments as  
13 an educator and community leader and extend to him sincere best  
14 wishes for the future; and, be it further

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