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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches
2 Association is hosting its 26th annual Hall of Honor Awards Banquet
3 on July 23, 2005, providing a fitting time to recognize this
4 outstanding organization; and

5 WHEREAS, Founded in 1940, this nonprofit group is made up of
6 coaches of the former Prairie View Interscholastic League, which
7 served as the governing body for competitions held between public
8 African American high schools in Texas during segregation; and

9 WHEREAS, Although the PVIL merged with the UIL in 1967
10 following desegregation in schools, its coaches association
11 remains active today; with the motto, "Remembering the Past with
12 Pride," the association's members are dedicated to preserving the
13 organization's rich athletic history, acquiring UIL recognition of
14 all PVIL records, and developing a museum to house league
15 memorabilia; and

16 WHEREAS, For more than six decades, the members of the
17 Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association have
18 played a vital role in the athletic community of Texas, and their
19 many worthwhile efforts are indeed deserving of special legislative
20 praise; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby commend the members of the Prairie View
23 Interscholastic League Coaches Association for their work in
24 preserving the achievements of African American student athletes

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1 and coaches in Texas and extend to them sincere best wishes for
2 success with their endeavors; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the organization as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.