

By: Branch

H.R. No. 896

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A distinguished career as a coach and educator is  
2 coming to a close with the retirement of Tim Marzuola from Highland  
3 Park High School in Dallas; and

4 WHEREAS, A Kansas native who moved to Texas in the mid-1970s  
5 to attend North Texas State University, Tim Marzuola has been a  
6 teacher since 1976 and joined the staff at Highland Park High School  
7 in 1982; that same year, he became the school's first wrestling  
8 coach, and so began an illustrious career that has seen him become  
9 one of the state's all-time great leaders in the sport; and

10 WHEREAS, By the late 1980s, Coach Marzuola's teams began to  
11 enjoy considerable success and regularly won the district title;  
12 since 1999, when the University Interscholastic League began  
13 sanctioning the state wrestling championship, the Fighting Scots  
14 have claimed five state titles in nine seasons; in addition,  
15 Highland Park wrestlers have racked up numerous state dual-team  
16 titles and UIL regional championships, and Coach Marzuola's  
17 formidable teams have posted only one losing record in his 24  
18 seasons as head coach; and

19 WHEREAS, This legacy of success results from Tim Marzuola's  
20 ability to foster a strong sense of team spirit among his athletes  
21 and their parents, as well as his skill in schooling the wrestlers  
22 in the finer points of technique and strategy; highly respected by  
23 his peers, he has been named Coach of the Year by the Texas High  
24 School Wrestling Coaches Association a total of five times; and

1           WHEREAS, A gifted instructor as well as a coach, Mr. Marzuola  
2 teaches economics at Highland Park, and his excellence in the  
3 classroom was saluted in 2006, when he was named a Teacher of the  
4 Year by the Highland Park Independent School District; and

5           WHEREAS, In three decades as an educator and nearly a quarter  
6 century as the Highland Park wrestling coach, Tim Marzuola has  
7 established himself as an exceptional mentor who has influenced the  
8 lives of thousands of young people, and his dedication to building  
9 the character, discipline, and knowledge of his students and  
10 athletes is deserving of recognition and commendation; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby honor Tim Marzuola on the occasion of his  
14 retirement from Highland Park High School and extend to him best  
15 wishes for success and happiness in all his future endeavors; and,  
16 be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Coach Marzuola as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.