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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas high school coaching legend Mike Johnston is  
2 deservedly being inducted into the Texas High School Coaches  
3 Association Hall of Honor; and

4 WHEREAS, The longtime head coach at Katy High School, Coach  
5 Johnston currently heads the football program at Houston Christian  
6 High School, where he hopes to duplicate the success that he  
7 achieved during his tenure at Katy High; and

8 WHEREAS, A 1969 graduate of Stephen F. Austin State  
9 University, Coach Johnston was a three-year letterman on the  
10 school's football team, playing linebacker and center for the  
11 Lumberjacks; he began his coaching career at Hull-Daisetta High  
12 School and went on to coach at Nacogdoches High School, Forest Park  
13 High School in Beaumont, and Abilene High School before accepting  
14 the head coaching position at Katy High School; and

15 WHEREAS, In 22 years as head coach of the Katy Tigers, Coach  
16 Johnston led his team to three state championships, five state  
17 title finals, and 12 district championships, compiling a record of  
18 200-76; he has mentored countless young men on the importance of  
19 gridiron fundamentals and teamwork, instilling integrity,  
20 self-esteem, and pride in his young charges; and

21 WHEREAS, Coach Johnston has earned numerous honors and  
22 accolades during his impressive coaching career, including  
23 recognition as Coach of the Year by the *Houston Chronicle*, the  
24 *Houston Post*, and the Houston Touchdown Club; he is a seven-time

1 selection as District Coach of the Year and coached in the 1999  
2 North-South All-Star game and the 2004 Global Junior Championship  
3 Game; and

4 WHEREAS, A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes,  
5 this dedicated educator and community leader has served as  
6 president and as a director of the Texas High School Coaches  
7 Association and is a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Katy; he  
8 and his wife, Donna, have been blessed with two sons, Russ and Paul,  
9 a daughter-in-law, Shelby, and a granddaughter, Selah; and

10 WHEREAS, Induction into the Texas High School Coaches  
11 Association Hall of Honor is the highest honor bestowed on high  
12 school coaches in the Lone Star State, and Coach Johnston has  
13 rightfully earned his place among the elite of his profession; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Mike Johnston on his induction into  
17 the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor and extend  
18 best wishes to him for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Coach Johnston as an expression of high regard by the  
22 Texas House of Representatives.