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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Veteran drama teacher Joe Fullen is beginning a new 2 chapter in his life with his retirement from Langham Creek High 3 School in Houston in May 2007, and in recognition of his 4 contributions to the fine arts department, the school's theater is 5 being renamed in his honor; and

6 WHEREAS, A drama instructor for 37 years, Mr. Fullen has 7 taught at Langham Creek High since 1984; he has been a faculty 8 cosponsor for the Ensemble theatrical club, as well as for the 9 school's chapter of the International Thespian Society; and

10 WHEREAS, Students under Mr. Fullen's tutelage have won awards 11 at the annual Texas Thespians State Festival, the Alley Theatre's 12 Young Playwright Series, and the International Thespian Society 13 Playwright Festival; and

14 WHEREAS, Together with his colleague Cheryl Bradford, Mr. 15 Fullen received a Distinguished Medal of Honor from the Veterans of 16 Foreign Wars for their production of the play A Piece of My Heart, 17 which deals with the Vietnam War; moreover, under Mr. Fullen's 18 direction, the LCHS drama department was selected by the American 19 High School Theatre Festival to present Shakespeare's Macbeth at 20 the Fringe Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 2006; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Fullen is also a gifted writer, and two of his 22 plays, *Pies from Mars* and *Babe Ruth Slept Here*, have won first-prize 23 honors at the Texas Thespians State Festival; his play *Galveston* 24 was nominated for review by the International Thespian Society; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Fullen has given generously to his profession as well, as chair of the Texas Educational Theatre Association TheatreFest and as a member of the executive board of Texas Thespians; and

5 WHEREAS, A gifted and dedicated teacher as well as a talented 6 artist in his own right, Joe Fullen has introduced generations of 7 young Texans to the dramatic arts, and the dedication of the Joe 8 Fullen Theater provides a fitting tribute to the legacy of 9 creativity and achievement that he leaves behind; now, therefore, 10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas 12 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe Fullen on his retirement from 13 Langham Creek High School and extend to him sincere best wishes for 14 the future; and, be it further

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

## Riddle

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Gattis Geren Giddings Gonzales Gonzalez Toureilles Goolsby Guillen Haggerty Hamilton Hancock Hardcastle Harless Harper-Brown Hartnett Heflin Hernandez Herrero Hilderbran Hill Hochberg Hodge Homer Hopson Howard of Fort Bend Howard of Travis Hughes Isett Jackson Jones Keffer King of Parker King of Taylor King of Zavala Kolkhorst Krusee Kuempel Latham Laubenberg Leibowitz Lucio III Macias Madden Mallory Caraway Martinez Martinez Fischer McCall McClendon McReynolds Menendez Merritt

Miller Moreno Morrison Mowery Murphy Naishtat Noriega O'Day Oliveira Olivo Orr Ortiz, Jr. Otto Parker Patrick Paxton Pena Phillips Pickett Pierson Pitts Puente Quintanilla Raymond Riddle Ritter Rodriguez Rose Smith of Tarrant Smith of Harris Smithee Solomons Strama Straus Swinford Talton Taylor Thompson Truitt Turner Van Arsdale Vaught Veasey Villarreal Vo West Woolley Zedler Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2263 was adopted by the House on May 17, 2007, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House