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R E S O L U T I O N

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

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Fullen has given generously to his profession as  
2 well, as chair of the Texas Educational Theatre Association  
3 TheatreFest and as a member of the executive board of Texas  
4 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.