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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Roberto Gonzalez of Falfurrias has been featured by
2 the National Hispanic Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his
3 remarkable career as a high school and collegiate athlete; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez excelled in track and cross-country as
5 a student at Falfurrias High School; he was especially impressive
6 at running the mile, winning that event at the University
7 Interscholastic League Class 3A state meet for four consecutive
8 years and setting a national freshman record and establishing state
9 records for his grade level during his sophomore, junior, and
10 senior years; notably, his time of 4 minutes, 7.4 seconds, which he
11 set as a senior, remained the state meet record in the mile until
12 1980, when the UIL switched to distances measured in meters; and

13 WHEREAS, Named to the All-State team each year of high
14 school, Mr. Gonzalez was a high school All-American in 1966 and
15 1967; he won 37 of the 43 mile events that he entered as a high
16 school student, including a remarkable 31 in a row, and set 32 meet
17 records during his career; he also won the individual state
18 cross-country title as a sophomore, junior, and senior and led the
19 Falfurrias High School cross-country team to state titles in 1965
20 and 1966; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez continued his education and his
22 athletic career as a student-athlete at Texas A&I University in
23 Kingsville, where he starred on the track team and earned
24 bachelor's and master's degrees; he led the Javelinas to the Lone

1 Star Conference championship in 1969, winning the LSC title in the
2 880 and the mile, and helped secure the 1970 conference title as
3 well; named to the All-LSC team for four consecutive years, he was
4 inducted into the school's athletic hall of fame in 1981; and

5 WHEREAS, Opting for a career in education, Mr. Gonzalez
6 became the coach of the Falfurrias High School track team in 1972
7 and served in that capacity until moving into school administration
8 in the mid-1980s; he is now the superintendent of the charter school
9 in Encino; and

10 WHEREAS, An inspiration to countless friends and fans,
11 Roberto Gonzalez has demonstrated a commitment to excellence as an
12 athlete, student, and educator, and it is a pleasure to honor this
13 noteworthy gentleman at this time; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
15 Legislature hereby recognize Roberto Gonzalez on his memorable
16 achievements as a high school and collegiate athlete and commend
17 him for his longtime commitment to educating the young people of
18 Texas; and, be it further

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