

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1100

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize William D. Hicks, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement as ninth-grade head football coach of Amarillo High School; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bill Hicks has been involved with sports since his childhood when he played Little League in Arkansas; he had the distinction of being the first high school athlete in Arkansas to be named to the High School All-Star team three years in a row and was on the *Teen Magazine* All-American Football Team; he was an exemplary student and a role model to his classmates during the difficult years of integration in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, He has been a coach and an educator at Amarillo High School since 1998; in addition to football, he coached for the school's soccer program for eight years and track for one year, taught world history, and was the athletic liaison for junior high feeder schools; and

WHEREAS, His previous high school coaching and teaching assignments were at Goddard Junior High School in Midland, Stroman High School in Victoria, and Lake View High School in San Angelo; and

WHEREAS, In higher education, his coaching career began when he served as a freshman assistant coach at Baylor University in 1962; after coaching at Texas A&M University--Kingsville and West Virginia University, he returned to Baylor as defensive line coach and served from 1969 to 1981; and

WHEREAS, He was the athletic director and head football coach at Howard Payne University in Brownwood from 1982 to 1985, and he coached defensive tackles at The University of Texas at Austin from 1986 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Bill Hicks has demonstrated exceptional commitment to his roles as a coach and an educator; he has been a positive influence on the lives of many young people, and his presence at Amarillo High School will be greatly missed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend William D. "Bill" Hicks, Sr., on his dedication and his outstanding leadership as a coach and an educator and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 22, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate