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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Head football coach Kris Hogan of Faith Christian
2 School in Grapevine performed an admirable act of generosity in
3 November 2008 to assist an opposing team, and his selfless action
4 has provided an inspiring example of sportsmanship and hospitality;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Hogan's action came in advance of Faith
7 Christian's November 7 game against the team from the Gainesville
8 State School; the athletes from that maximum security facility
9 managed by the Texas Youth Commission play their games without the
10 benefit of team supporters and also lack a home field; realizing
11 that the Gainesville players could benefit from a show of support,
12 Coach Hogan organized a group of Faith Christian fans and had them
13 form a spirit line for the visiting Gainesville Tornadoes; in
14 addition, the group cheered for the Tornadoes from the stands while
15 the Faith Christian cheerleaders rooted for them from the
16 sidelines; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Hogan's gesture had a positive effect on the
18 Gainesville players, who celebrated with their coach at the end of
19 the matchup despite losing 33-14; the game continued to be
20 excitedly talked about on the Gainesville campus for days
21 afterward, and one of the Faith Christian parents created a DVD of
22 the contest so that students at the state school can relive the
23 inspiring occasion; and

24 WHEREAS, The Tornadoes game is not the only time this

1 remarkable coach's generous spirit has been evident; earlier in
2 2008, he organized a fund-raising dinner to benefit a visiting team
3 delayed in Grapevine by the landfall of Hurricane Ike, and he and
4 his players have on several occasions reached out to members of
5 rival teams when they have been stricken with misfortune; and

6 WHEREAS, National youth football administrators and the
7 commissioner of the National Football League have recognized Coach
8 Hogan for his extraordinary sportsmanship, honoring him at a news
9 conference in advance of Super Bowl XLIII and providing him with
10 tickets to the game; and

11 WHEREAS, Kris Hogan's compassionate actions have helped
12 uplift those in need, and his efforts have carried forth a positive
13 message of human fellowship from which all can benefit; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Coach Kris Hogan for his generosity and
17 sportsmanship and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future;
18 and, be it further

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