

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Paul Darden of Sundown High School has been selected  
2 by the National Federation of High School Coaches Association as  
3 the 2008 National High School Cross Country Coach of the Year; and

4           WHEREAS, A graduate of Midland High School, Mr. Darden has  
5 served as cross country coach at Sundown High for 17 years; he  
6 coaches both the boys' and girls' teams, and the two have combined  
7 for a total of six Class 1A state championships since 2005; and

8           WHEREAS, Coach Darden led both of his teams to the state title  
9 in 2008, marking the second time during his tenure that Sundown has  
10 swept both the boys' and girls' 1A championships; he was nominated  
11 for the coach of the year award by the University Interscholastic  
12 League, and his outstanding record of accomplishments on and off  
13 the field allowed him to advance through the selection process to  
14 ultimately receive the honor from the federation's advisory board;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Exceptional coaches inspire athletes to perform at  
17 the peak of their abilities, and Paul Darden's commitment to  
18 excellence indeed makes him a most deserving recipient of this  
19 prestigious award; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Paul Darden on his selection as  
22 National High School Cross Country Coach of the Year by the National  
23 Federation of High School Coaches Association and extend to him  
24 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

H.R. No. 696

1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Coach Darden as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 696 was adopted by the House on March 19, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House