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H.R. No. 828

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Pasadena lost their most enthusiastic
2 sports fan with the passing of Walter Woodard on February 13, 2009,
3 at the age of 62; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Jack and Lucy Woodard on November 30, 1946,
5 Walter Woodard went on to enroll in Pasadena public schools in 1958;
6 he attended San Jacinto Intermediate School and Pasadena High
7 School, and he graduated from Sam Rayburn High School in 1966; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodard became involved in Pasadena's local
9 sports scene when he served as the honorary coach of the 1973 Colt
10 League All-Star baseball team, which made it to the world
11 championship that year, and after that experience, he rarely missed
12 another game; an ardent supporter of local teams and a variety of
13 sports, Mr. Woodard could often be spotted on the sidelines at
14 baseball fields, high school gyms, and stadiums, shouting out calls
15 and reminding the players to tuck in their shirttails; he also
16 helped coaches decide what plays to use, and he traveled and
17 celebrated wins with many teams; his passion for sports made him an
18 icon in Pasadena, and he was highly regarded by generations of
19 athletes, coaches, and spectators for his loyalty and for making
20 sure everyone in the stands was involved and enjoying themselves at
21 all the sporting events; and

22 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was also known for his work with
23 the Muscular Dystrophy Association and for his participation in
24 city food drives and various community service organizations; Mr.

1 Woodard's unwavering support of local youth programs was recognized
2 by the City of Pasadena and the Pasadena Independent School
3 District in 2008, when he was named Pasadena Coach of the Year; in
4 addition, the mayor proclaimed Walter Woodard Day and renamed a
5 charity event, the Walter Woodard Toys for Tots Softball
6 Tournament, in his honor, and this spring, the Little League and
7 Pony teams will wear his initials on their sleeves; and

8 WHEREAS, A beloved citizen of Pasadena, Walter Woodard
9 touched the lives of countless area residents, and he leaves behind
10 a legacy that will forever be treasured by all those who were
11 fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Walter Woodard and
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
15 brother, Vic Woodard, and his wife, Claudett; to his nephew, Jeff
16 Pickle, and his wife, Tiffany; to his niece, Lori Barkley, and her
17 husband, John; to his great-nieces, Jenna, Averil, and Reagan; to
18 his great-nephew, Nolan; and to his other relatives and many
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Walter
23 Woodard.