

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Jim McKone was inducted as an inaugural member of  
2 The University of Texas-Pan American Athletics Hall of Honor on  
3 February 21, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, A part of the UTPA Athletics Hall of Fame, the Hall  
5 of Honor pays tribute to individuals other than coaches and players  
6 who have made significant contributions to university athletic  
7 programs; and

8           WHEREAS, Beginning in 1969, Mr. McKone served as sports  
9 information director for the university, covering events for UTPA's  
10 many athletic programs and coordinating game management; one of his  
11 most significant accomplishments was the creation of the Bronc  
12 Diary, a daily journal of UTPA athletics, which ran for 11 years and  
13 contained some 3,000 entries before it ceased in 1998; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. McKone retired as sports information director in  
15 1999 and was chosen for a Lifetime Achievement Award by College  
16 Sports Information Directors of America that same year; moreover,  
17 he served as president of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers  
18 Association in 1980 and 1981 and as public relations officer for the  
19 Hidalgo County Historical Museum in Edinburg; and

20           WHEREAS, Jim McKone worked tirelessly in support of UTPA  
21 athletics, and his outstanding legacy of service is justly  
22 recognized with this honor; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Jim McKone on his induction into

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1 The University of Texas-Pan American Athletics Hall of Honor and  
2 commend him for his contributions to the UTPA athletic community;  
3 and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for Mr. McKone as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
6 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 852 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House