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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.