

By: Merritt

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Merritt Johnson has been named the Kilgore College
2 Ex-Teacher of the Year for 2008; and

3 WHEREAS, A native of Longview, Mr. Johnson attended Texas A&M
4 University; he went on to work for Otis Engineering Corporation and
5 to teach at Hallsville High School; in 1965 he began teaching
6 mathematics and geology at Kilgore College, and two years later he
7 transferred to the Technical Vocations Department; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson became chair of the Technical Education
9 Department in 1976 and, four years later, division director of the
10 Technical Vocational Department; he went on to distinguish himself
11 as director of Adult Vocational Education and director of
12 Continuing Education; by the time of his retirement in 1995, he was
13 interim dean of Occupational Education; and

14 WHEREAS, In spite of his many professional responsibilities,
15 this accomplished Texan has also found time to give back to his
16 community as a member of First Baptist Church of Longview and the
17 Lions Club; the recipient of a life membership in the Texas Lions
18 Camp, he was also named a Texas Lions Foundation Fellow and Lion of
19 the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, The dedication and skill of educators like Mr.
21 Johnson have benefited generations of Texas students, and he may
22 indeed take pride in this recognition of his longtime commitment to
23 excellence in his profession; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

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1 Legislature hereby congratulate Merritt Johnson on his selection as
2 the 2008 Kilgore College Ex-Teacher of the Year and extend to him
3 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
4 further

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