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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Veteran band director Don Hood of Angleton has been
2 honored with induction into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, The hall of fame pays tribute to retired band
4 directors who have contributed greatly to their schools and
5 communities; Mr. Hood was nominated for this prestigious accolade
6 by his former students and was formally inducted at the Texas
7 Bandmasters Association convention in San Antonio in July 2008; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Hood was a band director for 20 years; under his
9 leadership in the 1970s, the Angleton High School bands frequently
10 took part in halftime shows at Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers
11 football games; these performances were often featured on national
12 television and included as many as 400 students completing
13 precision military marching routines; and

14 WHEREAS, The outstanding ensembles directed by Mr. Hood won
15 the Tournament of Roses marching band contest, performed for the
16 opening ceremonies of the New Orleans Superdome, and won best of
17 class at Six Flags Over Texas and Six Flags Over Georgia; in the
18 span of two decades, his bands won 50 first division ratings from
19 the University Interscholastic League; and

20 WHEREAS, After leaving his position as band director, Mr.
21 Hood went on to become a much-loved and admired principal for
22 elementary and kindergarten students; he retired in 2002 after a
23 40-year career in education; and

24 WHEREAS, This dedicated and talented man continues to

1 volunteer his time to help local band directors, and he assists the
2 Angleton Alumni Band in presenting a halftime performance at one of
3 the school's football games each season; and

4 WHEREAS, Don Hood's leadership and enthusiasm inspired
5 decades of Angleton students to strive for excellence, not only in
6 band performances but also in the classroom and in their later
7 pursuits; his contributions have touched the lives of many people,
8 and the special recognition he has received is richly deserved;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Don Hood on his induction into the
12 Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame and commend him for his lifetime of
13 service to his school district and his community; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Hood as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.