

R E S O L U T I O N

1       WHEREAS, Jack Hays of West Columbia was inducted into the  
2 Ronnie Bell Hall of Honor by the Greater Houston Football Coaches  
3 Association on May 6, 2009; and

4       WHEREAS, Mr. Hays began his long involvement in sports as a  
5 quarterback at Sunset High School in Dallas, which he carried to the  
6 1950 state championship, and continued to demonstrate excellence on  
7 the gridiron at North Texas State University; he went on to serve as  
8 head football coach at El Campo High School for seven years before  
9 taking the same position at Columbia High School in 1969; and

10       WHEREAS, During 18 years of coaching, Mr. Hays compiled an  
11 impressive record of 130 wins, 60 losses, and 8 ties; moreover, he  
12 earned seven district championships and 15 playoff games, and he  
13 advanced to the state finals twice; with the Columbia Roughnecks  
14 alone, his record was 81-37-5, and he is credited with helping  
15 establish them as one of the premier teams in Class 3A; along with  
16 his assistants, Charlie Forehand, Ed Derrich, and Charlie Brand, he  
17 was selected to coach the South team in the 1974 Texas High School  
18 Coaches Association All Star game at the Astrodome, and he led the  
19 team to victory; and

20       WHEREAS, Mr. Hays further contributed to his profession as a  
21 member of the THSCA board, which he served as president in 1975; his  
22 many honors include being twice named the Brazoria County Coach of  
23 the Year and being inducted into the THSCA Hall of Honor and the  
24 Columbia High School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

1       WHEREAS, Following his departure from coaching, Mr. Hays  
2 remained in West Columbia and founded the Hays Insurance Agency  
3 with his wife, Ellen; he gives back to the community as an active  
4 member of the West Columbia Rotary Club and the Columbia United  
5 Methodist Church, and he previously served as a founding director  
6 of the local chapter of the Gulf Coast Conservation Association and  
7 as a member of the board of the Brazoria County Library; he was  
8 named Business Leader of the Year 1999 by the Brazoria County  
9 Partnership; and

10       WHEREAS, Jack Hays was known throughout his coaching career  
11 for his integrity, dependability, and strong principles, and he may  
12 indeed reflect with pride on his many noteworthy achievements; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Jack Hays on his induction into the  
16 Ronnie Bell Hall of Honor by the Greater Houston Football Coaches  
17 Association and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
18 happiness and success; and, be it further

19       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Mr. Hays as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
21 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2160

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2160 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House