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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.