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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. Newt Hasson of Austin was deservedly inducted
- 2 into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame on May 2, 2009; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Dr. Hasson is the first team doctor ever to become a
- 4 member of the hall of fame, and his induction pays fitting tribute
- 5 to his remarkable service in behalf of the Westlake High School
- 6 football team; and
- 7 WHEREAS, For 23 seasons, he has volunteered his time and
- 8 expertise to benefit Chaps players, missing only a few games since
- 9 he first began working with the team in 1985; he also helps to
- 10 organize other members of the local medical community to provide
- 11 sports physicals for aspiring Westlake athletes, and his efforts
- 12 have been emulated by volunteers at other schools across the state;
- 13 and
- WHEREAS, An orthopedic surgeon in his professional life, Dr.
- 15 Hasson has long been involved in athletics, having played college
- 16 football himself at Duke University; he and his wife, Pam, have
- 17 lived in the Westlake area since 1983, when they decided to make
- 18 Texas their permanent home because of the state's legendary passion
- 19 for the gridiron; and
- WHEREAS, Other members of the Hasson family have also
- 21 contributed to the Chaps football program; Pam Hasson and the
- 22 couple's three children are frequently in the stands, cheering on
- 23 the team, and son Duke Hasson stepped in as the starting quarterback
- 24 in 2000 and helped lead Westlake to the state title game; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Newt Hasson has provided quality medical care to
- 2 Westlake football players for nearly a quarter-century, and his
- 3 generosity and tireless support have made him an admirable and
- 4 influential figure in Texas high school sports; now, therefore, be
- 5 it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 7 Legislature hereby congratulate Dr. Newt Hasson on his induction
- 8 into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame and extend to him
- 9 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further
- 10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 11 prepared for Dr. Hasson as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 12 House of Representatives.