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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Legendary high school football coach Joe Clements
2 has been honored with the 2009 Mance Park Lifetime Achievement
3 Award from the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Clements began his involvement with Huntsville
5 High School athletics when he was a student; playing quarterback
6 under the direction of coach Mance Park, he led the Hornets to their
7 first state football championship in 1953 and won all-district
8 honors in both football and baseball; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Clements went on to become a teacher and coach,
10 and in 1975 he returned to Huntsville High to take charge of the
11 football team; so began a highly successful tenure that included 4
12 regional championships, and a dramatic 51-game winning streak; and

13 WHEREAS, The pinnacle of the coach's success came in 1980,
14 when the Hornets won the state title; Coach Clements is believed to
15 be the only person in Texas to play quarterback on a state
16 championship team and then later lead the same school to the title
17 as coach; the Huntsville football program received national
18 attention thanks to his guidance, and he finished his career with a
19 remarkable record of 221 wins, 77 losses, and 6 ties; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly two decades, Joe Clements
21 mentored hundreds of Huntsville student-athletes, instilling in
22 them an enduring commitment to excellence and teaching them
23 valuable lessons about dedication and teamwork, and he is indeed
24 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe Clements on receiving the Mance
3 Park Lifetime Achievement Award and extend to him sincere best
4 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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