

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 538

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Gerald Hundley Moore for his exceptional accomplishments as a football coach and role model; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Hundley Moore, better known as Jerry Moore, is a native son of Bonham, Fannin County, Texas, where he earned 14 varsity letters in four sports at Bonham High School as well as earning All-State recognition in football and membership in the Bonham Athletics Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Before graduating from Baylor University in 1961, he was among the nation's top wide receivers and was a team captain of the 11th-ranked Bears as a senior; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Moore began his coaching career at Corsicana High School as an assistant to his Bonham High School coach and mentor, Jim Acree; he helped coach the Corsicana Tigers to a state championship in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Moore has served as assistant coach at Southern Methodist University and head coach at North Texas State University and Texas Tech University; and

WHEREAS, Since 1989, he has been the head coach of the Appalachian State University Mountaineers, where he has had outstanding success; and

WHEREAS, The Appalachian State Mountaineers won three straight National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 Football Championship Subdivision National Championships in 2005, 2006, and 2007; no team has ever won three consecutive national championships; and

WHEREAS, The Appalachian State Mountaineers won Southern Conference Championships in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008; no team has ever won four consecutive conference championships; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, the Appalachian State Mountaineers defeated the University of Michigan, which then ranked fifth in the Associated Press poll, for one of the biggest college upsets; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, 2006, and 2007, Jerry Moore was the American Football Coaches Association National Coach of the Year, and he has been named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year a record six times; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his accomplishments on the gridiron, Jerry Moore has been a positive example and inspiration to all of the young men and women with whom he has been associated, and he has been recognized by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes with the Grant Teaff Lifetime Achievement Award for his lifelong commitment to being a Christian influence on the lives of student athletes; and

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WHEREAS, While at Baylor University, Jerry Moore met and married Margaret Starnes of Mineola, Wood County, Texas, and she has been by his side ever since and has also been an inspiration to all the young men and women with whom they have been associated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby declare April 2, 2009, to be Jerry Moore Day at the State Capitol and commend Jerry Moore for his outstanding service and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Jerry Moore as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate