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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Scott Coulson retired as band director of Poteet
2 High School in Mesquite in May 2011, concluding a distinguished
3 career in education that spanned three decades; and

4 WHEREAS, When Poteet High School opened in 1987, Mr. Coulson
5 became its first band director, and the school's musicians went on
6 to bring home many honors under his skilled leadership; the Pirate
7 Band won 23 University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Awards
8 and claimed the UIL State Marching Championship in 1997, 2005, and
9 2007, and it earned Best in Class and Best in Contest awards at
10 music festivals all over the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, The Poteet High concert band reached the state
12 finals in the Texas Music Educators Association State Honor Band
13 competition six times during Mr. Coulson's tenure, and it was named
14 the 2008 TMEA 4A Honor Band; as a true testament to his positive
15 influence, one of his first students eventually returned to Poteet
16 High to become an assistant band director, and another assistant
17 trained with him as a student teacher; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Coulson graduated from Mesquite High School in
19 1976 and earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in music
20 education from East Texas State University; before joining the
21 faculty at Poteet High, he served for seven years as an assistant
22 band director at North Mesquite High; his professional affiliations
23 include the TMEA, the Texas Bandmasters Association, and the
24 American School Band Directors Association, and he has served as

1 concert band vice president of the Texas Music Adjudicators
2 Association; in 2005, he was named to the John Philip Sousa
3 Foundation Legion of Honor, and he was invited to join the
4 prestigious American Bandmasters Association in 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, A caring and dedicated mentor, Scott Coulson has
6 inspired many gifted young musicians to reach their full artistic
7 potential, and he has instilled in innumerable young Texans the
8 discipline and commitment to excellence that are the foundations
9 for success; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Scott Coulson
12 on his retirement as band director of Poteet High School and extend
13 to him sincere best wishes as he begins the next exciting chapter of
14 his life; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Coulson as an expression of high regard by the
17 Texas House of Representatives.