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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Soccer coach Reynaldo Lopez was named the 2009 Coach
2 of the Year by NTSA-USA, and this award provides fitting
3 recognition for his notable accomplishments in the sport; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez began his lifelong affiliation with the
5 game at the age of five in his native Bolivia; before turning
6 professional, he played youth soccer for the Lower Cadettes squad
7 of Club Bolivar, one of his native country's best-known teams, and
8 he was also a member of the Bolivian national squad; he came to the
9 United States and played collegiately for the University of South
10 Carolina and Long Island University; and

11 WHEREAS, When his playing days ended, Mr. Lopez transitioned
12 to coaching, beginning with soccer clinics on Long Island in 1990;
13 in the intervening two decades, he has instructed thousands of
14 youngsters in the fine points of the game, specializing in teaching
15 the Brazilian and Bolivian styles of the sport; and

16 WHEREAS, He joined the North Texas Strikers Soccer Club
17 Academy in 1998 and is currently its head coach and director; he is
18 also coach, director, and president of the Stars Soccer Academy and
19 a member of the coaching staff of the Adidas Academy Sports Camps;
20 in addition, he serves as the director of after-school soccer
21 programs for the Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, Exceptional coaches inspire athletes to perform at
23 the peak of their abilities, and Reynaldo Lopez's commitment to
24 excellence indeed makes him an admirable role model and leader;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby commend Reynaldo Lopez on his selection as the
4 2009 NTSA-USA Coach of the Year and extend to him sincere best
5 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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