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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Admired Arlington educator and coach Mayfield  
2 Workman passed away on June 29, 2009, at the age of 92, leaving his  
3 loved ones to reflect on a life that was rich in meaningful  
4 accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, Known as "Bull" to his friends and family, Mr.  
6 Workman was born in Decatur on April 1, 1917, the son of Charlie and  
7 Alice Workman; he graduated from Decatur High School and went on to  
8 attend Decatur Baptist College before earning a degree at North  
9 Texas State Teachers College; moreover, he answered his nation's  
10 call to duty by serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, He was joined in matrimony with the former Sterling  
12 Goodwin, beginning a rewarding relationship that spanned 67 years;  
13 the couple raised three children and later had the pleasure of  
14 welcoming six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren into the  
15 family; and

16 WHEREAS, Opting to pursue a career in education, Mr. Workman  
17 became the football coach at Arlington High School; his years of  
18 guiding the Colts on the gridiron were highlighted by the 1951  
19 season, when his leadership and inspiration helped the team to win  
20 the University Interscholastic League 2A state championship; and

21 WHEREAS, He later served as the athletic director for the  
22 Arlington Independent School District; Mr. Workman's skills as an  
23 administrator greatly benefited the district's students and earned  
24 him a place in the Texas High School Athletic Directors Association

1 Hall of Honor; and

2 WHEREAS, Many additional accolades were awarded to this  
3 exceptional mentor through the years; he was inducted into the  
4 Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 1969 and was  
5 named to the organization's board of directors, and he received the  
6 Distinguished Colt Alumni Award from the Arlington High School  
7 Alumni Association in 2006; in addition, the *Fort Worth*  
8 *Star-Telegram* created the Mayfield Workman Award, which is annually  
9 presented to the top football player in the Dallas-Fort Worth area,  
10 and in 1983 Arlington ISD paid tribute to him by dedicating Mayfield  
11 Workman Junior High School; and

12 WHEREAS, A prominent figure in the Arlington community, Mr.  
13 Workman was a Mason for more than 50 years and a charter member and  
14 former president of the Greater Arlington Lions Club, and his civic  
15 contributions included work in behalf of the United Way and the  
16 YMCA; he was also an active member of the congregation at First  
17 United Methodist Church in Arlington, serving on the board of  
18 directors and as president of the men's Bible class; and

19 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mayfield Workman dedicated  
20 himself to making a positive difference in the world around him, and  
21 his achievements as an educator and community leader will continue  
22 to inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mayfield Workman and  
26 extend deepest condolences to the members of his family: to his  
27 wife, Sterling Goodwin Workman; to his children, Rusty Workman and

1 his wife, Margaret, Pam Copeland, and Pat Shelton and her husband,  
2 Kim; to his grandchildren, Chris Workman and his wife, Michelle,  
3 Allison Workman, Jennifer Andrews and her husband, Jason, Amy Hayes  
4 and her husband, Lane, Sarah Shelton, and Katelin Shelton; to his  
5 great-grandchildren, Jake and Dane Workman and Mayfield, Taylor,  
6 and Copeland Hayes; to his cousin, Bill Griggs, and his wife,  
7 Lavada; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mayfield  
11 Workman.