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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Suzie Oelschlegel, the head coach of the girls'
2 basketball team at MacArthur High School in Irving, received the
3 University Interscholastic League Lifetime Achievement Award in
4 March 2011, the latest in a long list of well-deserved honors that
5 this respected educator has received through the years; and

6 WHEREAS, That prestigious commendation was presented at the
7 UIL state tournament, during which the MacArthur High Lady
8 Cardinals claimed the 5A title; their triumph gave the school its
9 first team sport state championship and provided Coach Oelschlegel
10 with yet another highlight in an exemplary career; and

11 WHEREAS, Suzie Oelschlegel was a high school all-American
12 from Odem who went on to letter in both basketball and softball at
13 Baylor University; she became a teacher and coach in the Irving
14 Independent School District more than 30 years ago, assuming her
15 role at MacArthur High in 1986; and

16 WHEREAS, With more than 600 victories to her credit, Coach
17 Oelschlegel has taken her teams to the state playoffs 14 times, and
18 she is a 12-time winner of the District Coach of the Year award; she
19 was also named the *Dallas Morning News* All-Area Coach of the Year
20 for the 2010-2011 season and the 2009-2010 Dean Weese Class 5A
21 Outstanding Coach of the Year in Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, The guidance of this skilled mentor allows her
23 athletes to reach their full potential, and many of her players have
24 earned notable accolades, including numerous All-Region,

1 All-State, and Academic All-State honors as well as being named to
2 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Texas Girls Coaches
3 Association All-Star teams; in addition, two of her students have
4 become McDonald's All-Americans, and she has also coached a *Parade*
5 All-American, the Gatorade Texas Player of the Year, the State
6 Farm/Women's Basketball Coaches Association National Player of the
7 Year, two USA National Team players, and one WNBA professional; and

8 WHEREAS, Highly respected by her peers, Coach Oelschlegel has
9 served on many committees related to her sport, and she has assisted
10 at The University of Texas Advanced Elite Summer Camp and other
11 well-known camps run by prominent college coaches; moreover, she
12 coached the 4-5A TGCA All-Stars during the summer clinic for 2010
13 and has been selected to coach the TABC All-Stars for the 2011
14 spring clinic; and

15 WHEREAS, Suzie Oelschlegel's basketball expertise and her
16 ability to educate and inspire students have allowed her to make a
17 positive difference in the lives of hundreds of young people, and
18 she is indeed deserving of recognition for her achievements; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby honor Suzie Oelschlegel on her long and
22 accomplished career as a high school basketball coach and extend to
23 her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Coach Oelschlegel as an expression of high regard by
26 the Texas House of Representatives.