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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clifton Fifer, Jr., a Texas history teacher at Hal
2 Peterson Middle School in Kerrville, received an Outstanding
3 Educator Award from the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum
4 on April 14, 2011; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Kerrville, Mr. Fifer graduated
6 from Tivy High School in 1971 and then attended Howard Payne
7 University; he returned to Kerrville in 1978 and coached and taught
8 Texas history for 21 years, subsequently teaching history
9 full-time; he is retiring after 33 years with the Kerrville
10 Independent School District in May 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Fifer is known for his skill in bringing the past
12 to life through storytelling; he and his students cook and dance in
13 class, and he has participated in historical acting programs,
14 playing different roles such as a buffalo soldier and a Native
15 American; he was featured in a storytelling event celebrating
16 Juneteenth at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum in
17 2010; and

18 WHEREAS, Recognized by the presidential library for his
19 ability to engage both children and adults and to effectively
20 deliver a message that remains in the mind long afterwards, Mr.
21 Fifer received his award from former first lady Barbara Bush; and

22 WHEREAS, During his more than three decades as an educator,
23 Clifton Fifer has demonstrated remarkable creativity and
24 initiative, and through his innovative work, concern for students,

1 and exceptional talent, he has immeasurably enriched the lives of
2 countless young people; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Clifton Fifer, Jr., on his receipt
5 of an Outstanding Educator Award from the George Bush Presidential
6 Library and Museum and extend to him sincere best wishes for a happy
7 and fulfilling retirement; and, be it further

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