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H.R. No. 96

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, former colleagues, and residents
2 of the Scurry and Rosser communities are mourning the loss of Chris
3 Bowen Couch, who passed away on June 15, 2012, at the age of 53; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Bay City on September 15, 1958, to Leon Bowen
5 Couch and Joan Edith Eggleston, Chris Couch attended Forney High
6 School and was a standout athlete there; in addition to running
7 track, he played varsity football for four years, receiving
8 All-District Offensive and Defensive Player honors and designation
9 as Most Valuable Player his senior year; Mr. Couch subsequently
10 played football for Eastern Arizona State University before earning
11 his bachelor's degree from East Texas State University and a
12 master's degree and superintendent's certification from Texas A&M
13 University--Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Chris Couch served as
15 a football and powerlifting coach at North Garland High School, as
16 principal of Scurry-Rosser Middle School, and as superintendent of
17 the Scurry-Rosser Independent School District; under his guidance,
18 the middle school was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the
19 U.S. Department of Education and the district was rated "Exemplary"
20 by the Texas Education Agency; and

21 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Mr. Couch was a former elder at the
22 First Presbyterian Church in Forney, and he attended Mt. Olive
23 Baptist Church in Scurry; he was a loving family man who treasured
24 his wife, Lana, and his children, Thomas, Ali, and Lindsay; and

1 WHEREAS, Chris Couch distinguished himself as an outstanding
2 leader and administrator, and those who were blessed to share in the
3 richness of his life will forever hold him close in their hearts;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Chris Bowen Couch and
7 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
8 Lana Montgomery Couch; to his children, Thomas Gordon Couch, Ali
9 Montgomery Couch, and Lindsay Lee Bowen Couch; to his mother, Joan
10 Couch Oehlschlaeger; to his brothers, Mark Couch and his wife,
11 Laurie, and Bruce Couch and his wife, Lisa; to his sister, Ginny
12 Pruet, and her husband, James; and to his other relatives and
13 friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chris Bowen
17 Couch.