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H.R. No. 814

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Everett Brown Neptune, Jr., the longtime athletic
2 director for the Eanes Independent School District and Westlake
3 High School, passed away on June 22, 2012, at the age of 73; and

4 WHEREAS, "Ebbie" Neptune was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on
5 May 14, 1939, to Everett and Virginia Neptune; in 1948, he moved
6 with his family to Sweeny, where he became a star player and captain
7 on the Sweeny High School football team; following his 1957
8 graduation, he attended Texas Lutheran College on a football
9 scholarship, earning all-America honors as a tight end; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Neptune worked as an assistant coach in La
11 Feria and Pleasanton and then helped Coach Kenneth Dabbs guide
12 Sweeny High to the 1966 University Interscholastic League 2A state
13 championship; in 1969, he joined Coach Dabbs in a move to Westlake
14 High to establish the school's new football program; and

15 WHEREAS, After serving as offensive line coach and offensive
16 coordinator there, Coach Neptune held jobs in Bay City and Round
17 Rock before returning to Westlake in 1982 as head coach and athletic
18 director of the school; he went on to lead the Chaps to three
19 playoff appearances and was twice named Central Texas Coach of the
20 Year by the *Austin American-Statesman*; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1987, Coach Neptune became the first full-time
22 athletic director of both Westlake High and the Eanes Independent
23 School District; he remained in that post for 22 years, during which
24 time Westlake High won 19 state championships as well as the 2002

1 UIL Lone Star Cup; Coach Neptune was inducted into the Texas High
2 School Athletic Directors Association Hall of Honor in 2004, and
3 the Eanes ISD School Board immortalized his contributions by naming
4 the football stadium Ebbie Neptune Field; and

5 WHEREAS, Among the numerous accolades bestowed on Coach
6 Neptune was the Texas Lutheran Fighting Heart Award, which was
7 later renamed in his honor as the Ebbie Neptune Fighting Heart
8 Award, and he was also recognized by the Greater Austin Chapter of
9 the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, He further distinguished himself as a devoted family
11 man to his wife, the former Mary Sue Pinckney, whom he met while in
12 college, as well as their two daughters, Rebecca and Elizabeth;
13 over the years, he delighted in welcoming six grandchildren and
14 three great-grandchildren into his life, and he took great pleasure
15 in supporting their involvement in sports; and

16 WHEREAS, A towering figure in the history of Westlake High
17 School athletics, Ebbie Neptune was devoted to his students, his
18 community, and his loved ones, and he will forever be remembered
19 with great admiration and affection by all who were privileged to
20 know him; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Everett Brown
23 Neptune, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
24 family: to his wife of 52 years, Mary Sue Neptune; to his daughters,
25 Rebecca Gibson and her husband, Scott, and Elizabeth Dodge and her
26 husband, Todd; to his grandchildren, Amanda Gahan and her husband,
27 Brian, Allison Schmid and her husband, William, Everett and Grant

1 Gibson, and Todd and Molly Dodge; to his great-grandchildren, Luke
2 and Audrey Gahan and Benjamin Schmid; to his sisters, Linda Smith
3 and Diane Krafka; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ebbie
8 Neptune.