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H.R. No. 1101

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Irving Independent School District will bid  
2 farewell to an outstanding athletic director when Joe Barnett  
3 retires from that post on June 30, 2013; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Barnett holds a bachelor's degree and a master's  
5 degree in secondary education from the University of North Texas;  
6 his exemplary 41-year career has included coaching assignments at  
7 Valley Mills, Plano, and Allen as well as a notable tenure with  
8 Coppell ISD, where he was the athletic director for 13 years in  
9 addition to serving as the head football coach; and

10           WHEREAS, Since taking on his current post for Irving ISD in  
11 2003, this skilled administrator has focused on upgrading the  
12 district's recreational facilities, and he has hired a number of  
13 coaches who have made significant contributions to school sports  
14 programs; moreover, he was instrumental in the creation of the  
15 Irving ISD Athletic Hall of Fame; and

16           WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, Mr. Barnett was named  
17 Athletics Director of the Year by the National Football Foundation  
18 and College Hall of Fame Gridiron Club of Dallas in 2010, and he  
19 held the office of president for the Texas High School Athletic  
20 Directors Association in 2011; and

21           WHEREAS, Joe Barnett has greatly benefited Irving ISD and the  
22 wider community through his energy, vision, and commitment, and he  
23 may indeed reflect with pride on his many achievements; now,  
24 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Joe Barnett on his retirement as  
3 the athletic director of the Irving Independent School District and  
4 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. Barnett as an expression of high regard by the  
7 Texas House of Representatives.