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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, On March 14, 2013, the final buzzer sounded for  
2 beloved El Paso educator and longtime basketball coach Alvis Reed  
3 Glidewell, who won the admiration of many people over the course of  
4 his lifetime with his kind and winning ways; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Clovis, New Mexico, Alvis Glidewell  
6 became interested in basketball during his youth after his dad put  
7 up a hoop in the yard; he blossomed into a skilled athlete, and the  
8 lean young man who was known as "Bones" led his Clovis High School  
9 team to a state championship; he went on to play for Texas Western  
10 College and was team captain in 1956 and 1957, when the Miners won  
11 back-to-back Border Conference titles; and

12           WHEREAS, After serving in the U.S. Army, he embarked on a  
13 successful high school coaching career in El Paso that spanned 29  
14 years; he ably guided the teams at Austin and Irvin High Schools,  
15 compiling a record of 570 wins and 323 losses and winning seven  
16 district titles; his squads reached the state playoffs 11 times and  
17 made the "Sweet 16" on three occasions; an excellent classroom  
18 instructor as well, he taught mathematics and inspired his students  
19 with his passion for the subject; and

20           WHEREAS, Renowned as a fierce competitor, Coach Glidewell  
21 nonetheless possessed the qualities of a true sportsman, showing  
22 respect for his opponents and demonstrating a humble attitude in  
23 victory or defeat; the kindness he demonstrated toward everyone he  
24 met earned him many admirers, and he was greeted with affectionate

1 shouts of "Coach!" wherever he went; and

2 WHEREAS, For his athletic achievements, Coach Glidewell was  
3 inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, and he  
4 later served as the president of the hall of fame and as a member of  
5 the executive committee; in addition, he was honored during a UTEP  
6 Legends halftime program in 2013; and

7 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and  
8 support of his wife, Martha, with whom he shared 47 years of  
9 marriage and raised two daughters, Trisha and Lana; after his  
10 retirement in 1994, he enjoyed traveling and attending UTEP dinner  
11 theater performances with Mrs. Glidewell, but his competitive fires  
12 continued to burn bright; he took up the game of bridge and was just  
13 three points shy of Silver Life Master status at the time of his  
14 death; and

15 WHEREAS, An individual who enriched the lives of countless  
16 people in his roles as a coach and teacher, Alvis Glidewell was  
17 equally admired as a caring husband, father, and friend, and  
18 memories of his warmth and generosity will forever remain a source  
19 of inspiration for those who had the good fortune to know him; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Alvis Reed Glidewell  
23 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
24 wife, Martha; to his daughters, Trisha Lavan and her husband, Paul,  
25 and Lana Harris and her husband, Paul; to his grandchildren, Wyland  
26 and Coda Harris; to his numerous nieces and nephews; and to his  
27 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Alvis  
4 Glidewell.