

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 436

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Tony Harper for his outstanding 45-year career as a high school coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harper has a track record of victories and successes at high schools across El Paso and is the current head coach at Montwood High School; named Coach of the Year by the University Interscholastic League in 2012, he was recently honored again at the state basketball tournament for having won more than 900 varsity games in his career; as such, he is the first in wins among active coaches in Texas and the fourth in wins among active coaches in the United States; Coach Harper is a member of the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Tony Harper was born and raised in El Paso; after lettering in basketball and baseball at Austin High School, he attended Texas Western College, where he played for Coach Don Haskins; and

WHEREAS, Since he began his coaching career, he has led teams to 15 district championships, nine bi-district wins, seven regional tournament appearances, and one elite eight; many of his athletes have gone on to play college basketball and to become coaches themselves; and

WHEREAS, This legendary coach is an outstanding role model to young athletes, and he is a shining example of excellence in the field of varsity sports; his contributions to high school sports in El Paso and to the entire state are deserving of praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend Montwood High School head coach Tony Harper for his exceptional achievements during his 45-year coaching career and extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Coach Harper as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Rodriguez

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 11, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate