

By: Craddick

H.R. No. 340

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lamesa High School volleyball co-head coaches Patty
2 and Tippy Browning are retiring at the end of the 2014-2015 school
3 year, drawing to a close the remarkable careers of this unique
4 coaching duo; and

5 WHEREAS, Born five minutes apart on July 31, 1945, identical
6 twins Patty and Tippy Browning were both All-District basketball
7 players at Vega High School before graduating together from Abilene
8 Christian University; the sisters joined the faculty at Lamesa High
9 School in 1968 and were subsequently named co-head coaches of the
10 Golden Tornadoes volleyball team; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing 47 seasons, these talented coaches
12 deftly balanced the responsibilities of mentoring their players
13 while leading the program to new heights of achievement; deeply
14 committed to their athletes, they logged more than 300,000 miles in
15 buses to compete in games and tournaments all across the Lone Star
16 State while building Lamesa into a formidable volleyball
17 competitor; and

18 WHEREAS, The Golden Tornadoes averaged an impressive 20 wins
19 per season with the Brownings at the helm, and the team consistently
20 qualified for the state playoffs, with 33 total trips to the
21 postseason; under the sisters' direction, Lamesa earned four berths
22 in the state tournament, reached the pinnacle of success by
23 capturing the 4A state championship in 1986, and finished as state
24 runner-up in 1998; another highlight came in 2012, when the coaches

1 captured their 900th career win in a triumph over Van Horn High
2 School; moreover, their final tally of 937 victories counts them
3 among the all-time winningest volleyball coaches in the country;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Throughout their stellar tenure at Lamesa High
6 School, Patty and Tippy Browning have distinguished themselves as
7 gifted coaches and skilled leaders whose guidance has benefited
8 hundreds of young women, and they are indeed deserving of special
9 recognition for their myriad accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Patty and Tippy Browning on the occasion
12 of their retirement as co-head coaches of the Lamesa High School
13 volleyball team and extend to them sincere best wishes for
14 continued happiness; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Patty and Tippy Browning as an expression of high
17 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.