

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In a fitting tribute to an outstanding career that  
2 spanned more than four decades, basketball coach Nolan Richardson  
3 is being inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame as a member of  
4 the Class of 2015; and

5           WHEREAS, Born and raised in Segundo Barrio in El Paso, Nolan  
6 Richardson graduated from Bowie High School and went on to attend  
7 Texas Western College, where he played for legendary coach Don  
8 Haskins; after beginning his career as a head coach at the high  
9 school level, he entered the collegiate ranks in 1978 as the head  
10 coach at Western Texas College; in 1980, he led the Westerners to an  
11 undefeated record and the National Junior College Athletic  
12 Association championship, and the following year he accepted the  
13 head coaching position at the University of Tulsa; there, he guided  
14 the team to a National Invitation Tournament title and compiled an  
15 exemplary 119-37 overall record; and

16           WHEREAS, Coach Richardson took over the program at the  
17 University of Arkansas in 1985, and during his 17 seasons at the  
18 school, he helped the Razorbacks reach new levels of success;  
19 employing an up-tempo offense and an aggressive pressure defense,  
20 his squads played in the Final Four three times, and Arkansas proved  
21 itself the finest team in the country in 1994, when it won the NCAA  
22 Division I national championship; by the time Coach Richardson  
23 completed his tenure in 2002, he had become the winningest coach in  
24 the university's history; and

1           WHEREAS, This esteemed mentor has received numerous  
2 accolades, including the National Coach of the Year award in 1994  
3 and induction into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame  
4 and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame; moreover, he  
5 remains the only college coach to win a junior college  
6 championship, an NIT title, and an NCAA Tournament crown; and

7           WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others, Coach Richardson hosts  
8 the Nolan Richardson Charity Golf Tournament each year in El Paso,  
9 an event that benefits a number of worthwhile charitable  
10 initiatives in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas; in recognition of his  
11 accomplishments and his noteworthy contributions to his hometown, a  
12 middle school, a street, and a recreation center in El Paso all bear  
13 his name; and

14           WHEREAS, Over the course of his exceptional career, Nolan  
15 Richardson distinguished himself as one of the top college  
16 basketball coaches in the nation, and he is indeed deserving of this  
17 prestigious hall of fame honor; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Nolan Richardson on his induction  
20 into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and extend to him sincere best  
21 wishes for the future; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Coach Richardson as an expression of high regard by the  
24 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 399

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 399 was adopted by the House on  
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House