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H.R. No. 780

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John Mares is retiring from his position as head  
2 football coach and athletic director at Goliad High School at the  
3 end of the 2014-2015 school year, drawing to a close an impressive  
4 35-year career in education and athletics; and

5           WHEREAS, A 1969 graduate of St. Joseph High School in  
6 Victoria, John Mares began his coaching career as an assistant at  
7 Calhoun and Hallettsville Sacred Heart High Schools; he went on to  
8 serve as head baseball coach and defensive coordinator of the  
9 football team at Goliad High School before returning to his alma  
10 mater in 1991; he spent two decades at St. Joseph, becoming the  
11 winningest football coach in school history with an impressive 108  
12 victories and also holding the posts of athletic director and  
13 basketball coach; and

14           WHEREAS, This esteemed mentor came back to Goliad High in  
15 2010, taking over the school's baseball program and joining the  
16 football staff as an assistant; he was promoted to athletic  
17 director and head football coach in 2012, and he quickly helped the  
18 Tigers find success on the gridiron; in his final season, the team  
19 claimed the District 15-3A crown and advanced to the area round of  
20 the University Interscholastic League playoffs, and Coach Mares  
21 finished his career with an impressive 131-59 overall record in  
22 football; moreover, a number of the school's other teams have found  
23 success during his tenure as athletic director, capturing several  
24 district championships; and

1           WHEREAS, During his retirement, Coach Mares plans to spend  
2 more time with his children and grandchildren and to devote himself  
3 to working on his ranch in Goliad County; and

4           WHEREAS, For three and a half decades, John Mares has helped  
5 teach young Texans important lessons about teamwork and commitment,  
6 and he may indeed reflect with pride on his many accomplishments as  
7 he looks forward to the next exciting chapter of his life; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate John Mares on his retirement as  
11 head football coach and athletic director at Goliad High School and  
12 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be  
13 it further

14           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Coach Mares as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.