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H.R. No. 234

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For nearly six decades, Joe Rodriguez has rendered
2 exceptional service to the Brownsville Independent School
3 District; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Edinburg, Joe Rodriguez earned his
5 bachelor's degree at Pan American College, where he also played
6 basketball and baseball, and he later received a master's degree
7 from Sam Houston State University; he began his career as an
8 assistant coach at Brownsville High School in the late 1950s and
9 worked his way up to athletic director, a post he held from 1991 to
10 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Rodriguez coached the
12 Brownsville High baseball team to a state championship appearance
13 in 1965, and he took the Golden Eagles football team to the
14 regionals in the 1969 state playoffs; moreover, he was instrumental
15 in raising college scholarship funds for nearly 1,000 Brownsville
16 students, and as athletic director, he oversaw the upgrade of BISD
17 athletic facilities to include all-weather tracks and soccer fields
18 with lights at each high school campus, as well as the opening of
19 the Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center and the renovation of Sams
20 Memorial Stadium; and

21 WHEREAS, This notable Texan has further given of his time and
22 talents as secretary of the Brownsville ISD Board of Trustees, to
23 which he was reelected in 2014 after first serving that body for 15
24 years in the 1970s and 1980s; his myriad contributions have been

1 recognized with his induction into the Texas High School Athletic
2 Directors Association Hall of Honor, the Texas High School Coaches
3 Association Hall of Honor, and the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of
4 Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his outstanding vision and leadership, Joe
6 Rodriguez has made a positive difference in the lives of countless
7 young Texans, and he may indeed take pride in his many achievements;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Joe Rodriguez on
11 his service to the Brownsville Independent School District and
12 extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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