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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Delnor Poss is retiring as head coach of the men's  
2 golf team at Midland College on May 31, 2017, drawing to a close a  
3 remarkable career with that institution that has spanned four  
4 decades; and

5           WHEREAS, After graduating from San Angelo Central High  
6 School, Mr. Poss earned a bachelor's degree in business  
7 administration from Hardin-Simmons University, where he was a  
8 member of the basketball and track and field teams, and he  
9 subsequently received a master's degree in education from Sul Ross  
10 State University; he began his coaching career at Big Spring High  
11 School before joining the faculty of Midland College as director of  
12 athletics and men's golf coach in 1977; and

13           WHEREAS, At the helm of the golf program, Coach Poss has  
14 compiled an impressive list of accomplishments, guiding Chaparral  
15 athletes to 29 consecutive appearances in the NJCAA National Men's  
16 Golf Tournament and winning 4 championships, as well as more than  
17 250 tournament titles overall; moreover, he has coached 49  
18 All-Americans, and many of his athletes have gone on to enjoy  
19 professional golf careers and to compete in major PGA tournaments;  
20 he also garnered international acclaim by coaching Team USA to a  
21 gold medal at the 1996 World University Games in Switzerland; and

22           WHEREAS, Coach Poss has further benefited Texas athletics as  
23 a football and basketball referee for several college athletic  
24 conferences, as president of the Southwest Basketball Officials

1 Association, and as a member of the University Interscholastic  
2 League Sports Committee; in recognition of his many achievements,  
3 he has been inducted into the Midland College Athletic Hall of Fame,  
4 the NJCAA Hall of Fame, the Hardin-Simmons University Athletic Hall  
5 of Fame, the Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame, and  
6 the San Angelo Central High School Hall of Fame, and he was  
7 presented with an NJCAA Athletic Directors Achievement Award in  
8 1995; and

9         WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, this esteemed Texan is blessed  
10 with the love and support of his wife of 62 years, Martha, and he  
11 takes tremendous pride in his children, Nathan, Dell, and Mark, his  
12 daughters-in-law, Peggy Ann and Marla, and his grandchildren, Emil  
13 and Alexandra; and

14         WHEREAS, With his exceptional ability to teach and motivate,  
15 Delnor Poss has created a notable legacy at Midland College, and he  
16 may indeed reflect with satisfaction on his long and successful  
17 career as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby congratulate Delnor Poss on his retirement as  
21 head coach of the Midland College men's golf team and extend to him  
22 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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