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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Robert Capello Sr., head coach of the Edcouch-Elsa  
2 High School boys' basketball team, reached a significant career  
3 milestone when he recorded his 1,000th win on January 6, 2017; and

4           WHEREAS, This accomplishment took place in front of a home  
5 crowd as the Yellow Jackets defeated Pace High School of  
6 Brownsville by a score of 88-83; with the triumph, Mr. Capello  
7 earned the distinction of becoming only the fourth high school  
8 coach in Texas to have compiled 1,000 victories; he is also the  
9 winningest active high school basketball coach of Hispanic descent  
10 in the nation; and

11           WHEREAS, A member of the Class of 1960 at Edcouch-Elsa High,  
12 where he distinguished himself as an All-Star quarterback and a  
13 basketball star, Mr. Capello went on to graduate with a bachelor's  
14 degree from Texas A&I University and a master's degree from Sam  
15 Houston State University; he began his coaching career in 1965 and  
16 gained experience at Mission, Lyford, Donna, Barbers Hill, Uvalde,  
17 and Port Arthur High Schools before being hired as head boys'  
18 basketball coach by his alma mater; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Capello built a storied tenure at Edcouch-Elsa  
20 High that spanned more than three decades before retiring in 2012,  
21 but three years later, he returned to begin another chapter as head  
22 coach; in recognition of his outstanding record of success, which  
23 includes repeatedly guiding the Yellow Jackets to the playoffs, the  
24 school named its gymnasium in his honor in 2005; and

1           WHEREAS, Along the way, Mr. Capello has been supported by the  
2 love and encouragement of his wife, Gloria, and he takes tremendous  
3 pride in their four sons, Robert Jr., Ricky, Ronny, and Randy; and

4           WHEREAS, In reaching the 1,000-win plateau, Robert Capello  
5 has earned a special place in the pantheon of Lone Star State  
6 basketball coaches, and this rare feat is indeed deserving of  
7 commendation; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert Capello Sr. on his 1,000th  
10 career victory and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
11 success; and, be it further

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