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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Phil Danaher, head football coach and athletic
2 director at Calallen High School in Corpus Christi, earned the
3 distinction of becoming the winningest coach in Texas high school
4 football history with his 427th career victory on November 3, 2016;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This record-breaking win came in front of a home
7 crowd at Wildcat Stadium in the District 30-5A title game against
8 Flour Bluff High School; following three quarters of evenly matched
9 play, the Wildcats erupted in the final frame, notching three
10 touchdowns to clinch the district crown with a final score of 31-7;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Danaher graduated from Harlingen High School,
13 where he participated in four sports and was named the football
14 team's most valuable player for two consecutive years; awarded a
15 football scholarship to Angelo State University, he completed his
16 degree there in 1971 and then accepted a position as assistant
17 football coach at Edison High School in San Antonio; in 1974, he was
18 hired as athletic director and head football coach at Dilley High
19 School; he later served in those roles at Hamshire-Fannett High
20 School for six years before assuming the same positions in the
21 Calallen Independent School District in 1984; and

22 WHEREAS, During his second year at Calallen, Coach Danaher
23 guided the Wildcats to their first postseason in nearly three
24 decades, sparking a run of 32 consecutive playoff berths, the

1 longest active streak in Texas; over the course of his tenure, the
2 Wildcats have made 11 appearances in the state semifinals, and they
3 advanced all the way to the finals in 2005 and 2016; his outstanding
4 legacy was recognized in 2009 when the field inside Wildcat Stadium
5 was renamed in his honor; and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Coach Danaher is blessed with
7 the love and support of his wife, Anita, and he takes tremendous
8 pride in their three children, Cody, Wes, and Brittany; and

9 WHEREAS, By setting a new standard of success, Coach Danaher
10 has burnished his reputation as one of the top high school football
11 coaches in the Lone Star State, and he may take justifiable pride in
12 his unparalleled record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Phil Danaher on becoming the
15 winningest high school football coach in Texas history and extend
16 to him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Coach Danaher as an expression of high regard by the
19 Texas House of Representatives.