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H.R. No. 456

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Fort Worth community lost an
2 esteemed educator with the untimely passing of James Lee Wellman of
3 Aledo on January 5, 2017, at the age of 47; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Bob and Carole Wellman on June 24, 1969,
5 Jamie Wellman grew up in Kenova, West Virginia, with his two
6 brothers and two sisters; he earned his bachelor's degree at West
7 Virginia State University and later continued his studies at Texas
8 Christian University, graduating with a master's degree in
9 education administration; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wellman worked as a basketball and volleyball
11 coach at several high schools in his home state before moving to
12 Fort Worth in 1998; after serving as a special education teacher and
13 coach at Burleson High School, he went on to teach at
14 Carter-Riverside High and South Hills High; in 2005 he joined the
15 staff at Western Hills High School in Benbrook as an assistant
16 principal, and four years later, he was promoted to principal, a
17 role he fulfilled with distinction until his passing; in
18 recognition of his outstanding tenure with the school, the Fort
19 Worth Independent School District Board of Trustees recently
20 decided to name the Western Hills field house in his honor; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Wellman shared a
22 rewarding marriage with his wife of two decades, Stephanie, and he
23 was tremendously proud of their son, Payne; an avid sports fan,
24 Mr. Wellman enjoyed teaching his son to play golf as well as rooting

1 for his favorite teams, Marshall University, Texas Christian
2 University, and the Pittsburgh Steelers; he also treasured the
3 summers he spent with his loved ones on St. Simons Island in
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Beloved for his warmth, his sense of humor, and his
6 ability to see the best in everyone, Jamie Wellman touched
7 countless lives during his journey on this earth, and all those who
8 had the privilege to know him will forever hold him close in their
9 hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Lee Wellman
12 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives, to his friends,
13 and to the faculty, staff, and students of Western Hills High
14 School; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Lee
18 Wellman.