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R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Mal Fowler is being inducted into the East Texas

2 Coaches Association Hall of Honor at a ceremony in Texarkana on

3 February 25, 2017; and

4   WHEREAS, A member of the Class of 1949 at Van High School,

5 where he was a three-sport athlete, Mr. Fowler competed in football

6 and track at Texas Christian University; following his graduation

7 from TCU in 1954, he began his coaching career as an assistant at

8 Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, and in 1957 he was named head

9 football coach at VHS; and

10   WHEREAS, Moving from one alma mater to another, Mr. Fowler

11 next served as an assistant football and head track coach at TCU

12 from 1961 to 1965 before returning to his former post at Van High;

13 he went on to helm the Vandals for 23 seasons, and he piloted the

14 team to the 1979 University Interscholastic League 2A state title;

15 in 1988, he accepted the head coaching position at Canton High

16 School, from which he retired in 1993; during his notable career, he

17 compiled an overall record of 197 wins, 135 losses, and 8 ties, and

18 the Van Independent School District paid tribute to his

19 distinguished service at VHS by naming the field inside Van

20 Memorial Stadium in his honor in 2013; and

21   WHEREAS, For nearly four decades, Mal Fowler served as an

22 inspiring mentor and motivator to countless student-athletes,

23 instilling in them the values of hard work, sportsmanship, and

24 commitment to excellence, and he has indeed earned a place among the

1 legendary coaches of East Texas; now, therefore, be it

2   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

3 Legislature hereby congratulate Mal Fowler on his induction into

4 the East Texas Coaches Association Hall of Honor as a member of the

5 Class of 2017 and commend him on his many achievements; and, be it

6 further

7   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

8 prepared for Coach Fowler as an expression of high regard by the

9 Texas House of Representatives.