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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former Waxahachie High School boys' basketball
2 coach Lonnie Gaylor received well-deserved recognition with his
3 induction into the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of
4 Fame on May 21, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Jacksonville High School, Lonnie
6 Gaylor attended Jacksonville College, where he was a member of the
7 school's basketball squad, and he later earned bachelor's and
8 master's degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University; he began
9 his career as a basketball coach in 1972 at Nacogdoches High School
10 and enjoyed a successful stint at Marlin High before beginning a
11 16-year tenure at Graham High School; there, his teams twice went
12 undefeated during the regular season, and in 1996, Graham advanced
13 all the way to the University Interscholastic League Class 3A state
14 championship game; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Gaylor took the reins at Waxahachie High
16 School in 1997, and during his 11 seasons as head coach of the
17 Indians, he guided his teams to 8 postseason appearances and 2 trips
18 to the regional round of the UIL playoffs; he retired in 2008,
19 leaving the coaching ranks after 36 years with an impressive total
20 of 706 wins and numerous Coach of the Year accolades; and

21 WHEREAS, Widely respected by his peers, Coach Gaylor has
22 contributed to his profession through his service as a board
23 member, board secretary, and president of the Texas Association of
24 Basketball Coaches; moreover, he has regularly shared his talents

1 at TABC clinics and was a coach for the 1996 TABC All-Star Game; in
2 all his endeavors, he has been blessed with the love and support of
3 his wife, Myra, and his children, Allyson and Brent, and he takes
4 great pride in his grandchildren, Hanna, Court, and Sydni; and

5 WHEREAS, With his exceptional ability to teach and motivate,
6 Lonnie Gaylor has made a positive difference in the lives of
7 thousands of young athletes, and he has earned a place among the
8 legendary basketball coaches of the Lone Star State; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Lonnie Gaylor on his induction into
12 the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame as a member
13 of the Class of 2016 and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
14 future; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Gaylor as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.