

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.R. No. 1613

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Larry Safarik is marking his 50th anniversary as a
2 faculty member at Taylor Middle School in 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, After serving as a student-teacher in the Taylor
4 Independent School District for a year, Mr. Safarik began his
5 career at Taylor Middle School in 1967; during his outstanding
6 tenure, he has taught a range of subjects, including world history,
7 physical education, and outdoor recreation; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Safarik has further distinguished himself
9 through his efforts in behalf of the Taylor ISD athletics program;
10 he served as the eighth-grade football coach and coordinator for
11 nearly four decades, and along the way, he piloted his teams to 16
12 undefeated seasons; moreover, as the founder of the district's
13 tennis team, he coached varsity tennis for 11 years, compiling an
14 impressive overall record of 175 wins, 7 losses, and 4 ties and
15 guiding his players to 10 district titles and 4 state crowns; he has
16 also coached basketball and baseball; and

17 WHEREAS, In tribute to his many accomplishments, Mr. Safarik
18 was presented with the Taylor Duck for Life Award in 2016, and that
19 accolade has since been renamed in his honor; he was additionally
20 recognized as a Distinguished Educator by the Taylor High School
21 Class of 1996, inducted into the Texas Tennis Coaches Association
22 Hall of Fame in 1991, and selected as the 1979 Most Outstanding
23 Coach by the Capital Area Tennis Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Safarik is supported in all his endeavors by his

1 wife of 51 years, Katy, and he takes immense pride in his two sons,
2 his two daughters-in-law, and his grandchild; and

3 WHEREAS, For the past half century, Larry Safarik has made a
4 positive difference in the lives of countless young Texans, and
5 this notable milestone in his career presents a fitting opportunity
6 to commend him on a lifetime of achievement; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Larry Safarik on the occasion of
9 his 50th anniversary at Taylor Middle School and extend to him
10 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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