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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Stephen Foster Hill, head football coach at St. Pius
2 X High School in Houston, has added to his notable record of success
3 with his team's accomplishments during the 2016 season; and

4 WHEREAS, Under the skillful leadership of Coach Hill, the
5 Panthers clinched the 2016 district crown after going undefeated in
6 regular season play; the squad then distinguished itself in the
7 Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools state
8 tournament, advancing all the way to the semifinals; Coach Hill
9 also guided the St. Pius X players to the Texas State 7on7
10 Association Division 1 championship; and

11 WHEREAS, A native of Hereford, Coach Hill graduated from
12 Clovis High School in New Mexico and subsequently earned a
13 bachelor's degree from Eastern New Mexico University; he gained
14 coaching experience at Royal High School in Brookshire and at
15 Chávez, Memorial, and Westbury High Schools in Houston before being
16 hired as head football coach at the Kinkaid School; during his
17 tenure, the Falcons won the Southwest Preparatory Conference
18 Division I state title in 2010 and 2011 and the Texas State 7on7
19 Association crown in 2011 and 2013; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Hill next served as offensive quality control
21 coach at Rice University, helping the Owls to earn the Conference
22 USA title and an invitation to play in the Autozone Liberty Bowl in
23 2013; the following year, he was tapped as head coach for St. Pius X
24 High, and he took the Panthers to the TAPPS regional finals in his

1 inaugural season and to the state semifinals in 2015; and

2 WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, Coach Hill has
3 garnered a host of prestigious accolades; his success during the
4 2016 season was recognized with the Private High School Coach of the
5 Year honor from the Touchdown Club of Houston, and he also received
6 the club's 2012 Sportsmanship Award; in addition, he was named the
7 2011 Coach of the Year by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts, Stephen Hill has
10 furthered the proud tradition of gridiron excellence at St. Pius X
11 High School, and he is indeed deserving of special recognition;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Stephen Foster Hill on his
15 achievements during the 2016 football season and throughout his
16 coaching career and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
17 future; and, be it further

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