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H.R. No. 2031

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless Tarrant County residents continue to
2 honor Aubrey Keith Wilson, who died on November 2, 2014, at the age
3 of 82, as well as his wife, Nona Long Wilson, for their exceptional
4 contributions to the Birdville Independent School District; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Vernon on September 1, 1932, Aubrey Wilson
6 was raised by his mother, Bonnie, and stepfather, Frank Tuttle; he
7 excelled at basketball at Vernon High School, and he attended
8 Wayland Baptist College on an athletic scholarship, earning a
9 bachelor's degree in 1954; after serving in the U.S. Army, he
10 completed a master's degree at Texas Christian University and
11 doctoral course work at Texas Woman's University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson enjoyed a distinguished career in
13 education, serving with the Vernon ISD from 1956 to 1963 and with
14 the Birdville ISD from 1963 to 1989; a math teacher, he helped the
15 Birdville school district develop its first computer programming
16 classes, chaired the computer committee for the assistant
17 superintendent for instruction, and served as the district's first
18 computer and math consultant; and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was also a highly successful
20 basketball coach; during his tenure leading the Richland High
21 School varsity squad, from 1967 to 1972, he guided the Rebels to two
22 District 5-4A titles and was twice named district Coach of the Year
23 by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*; he subsequently served as
24 assistant basketball coach at Texas Wesleyan University from 1972

1 to 1973, and in 2015, he was posthumously inducted into the BISD
2 Athletics Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Nona Long Wilson, with whom Aubrey Wilson shared a
4 rewarding marriage of 59 years, has also played a notable role in
5 forwarding the mission of the Birdville school district; a history
6 teacher in the district for 17 years, she donated \$50,000 in 2016,
7 in honor of her husband, to establish a teacher grant program at
8 Shannon High School; the endowment enables special education
9 teachers to provide cultural experiences that promote
10 self-confidence and good citizenship in their students; and

11 WHEREAS, Aubrey and Nona Wilson's impact on the Birdville ISD
12 will resonate long into the future, and it is a pleasure to
13 recognize their outstanding contributions in behalf of young
14 Texans; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Aubrey Keith Wilson
17 and honor Nona Long Wilson for their commitment to, and support of,
18 the Birdville Independent School District; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Mrs. Wilson and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Aubrey
22 Keith Wilson.