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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Billy Wilson was named the Teacher of the Year at Sam Houston High School in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson began his career with Arlington ISD in 1995 as a member of the faculty at Nichols Junior High; he went on to serve as an assistant principal for Shackelford Junior High and Arlington High before working as a physical education instructor at Morton Elementary; in 2004, he joined Sam Houston High as a math teacher, and he has since earned a reputation as a devoted leader and mentor; in addition to teaching algebra and geometry, he has served in a number of other roles, including junior class sponsor, district mathematics staff developer, dropout prevention instructor, step team coach, Black History Month coordinator, SAT/ACT tutorial program manager, and AVID teacher; and

WHEREAS, From 1986 to 1995, prior to joining Arlington ISD, Mr. Wilson taught at high schools in the Fort Worth, Texas City, and Tyler school districts; a graduate of Ector High School, he earned bachelor's degrees in mathematics and physical education from East Texas State University, and he received a certification in mid-management from Stephen F. Austin State University; over the years, he has worked with the National Alliance of Black School Educators, and he served as president of its Arlington branch from 1998 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Arlington community, Mr. Wilson is the youth works coordinator for the local branch of the NAACP; he is also a valued congregant of Mount Olive Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wilson exemplifies the passion, determination, and innovative spirit that are the hallmarks of our best teachers, and he has set a standard of excellence to which all in his profession may aspire; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Billy Wilson on being named the Sam Houston High School Teacher of the Year and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success with his important work; and, be it further

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