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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, David Gilpin, athletic coordinator and head
2 football coach for Veterans Memorial High School in Mission, has
3 devoted nearly 30 years to enriching the lives of student-athletes;
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5 WHEREAS, A native of Mission, Coach Gilpin graduated from
6 Mission High School in 1984 and earned a degree from the University
7 of North Texas; he began his coaching career in 1990 with Mission
8 Junior High School, guiding the seventh grade B football team for
9 two years before his promotion to Mission High School; there, he
10 initially coached the sophomore team and then became a varsity
11 assistant coach; he transferred to the newly opened Veterans
12 Memorial High School in 2002 and was an assistant until 2009, when
13 he was hired as head coach and athletic coordinator; and

14 WHEREAS, During the past five years, Coach Gilpin has helped
15 his players achieve historic success; the Patriots advanced to the
16 second round of the UIL state playoffs in 2014, 2015, and 2017 and
17 to the third round in 2016; that set the stage for 2018, when the
18 team reached the fourth round for the first time in school history,
19 finishing with an outstanding overall record of 12 wins and 2
20 losses; moreover, the season became even more special when his son,
21 Veterans Memorial quarterback Landry Gilpin, became the first Rio
22 Grande Valley athlete to be named the Mr. Texas Football Player of
23 the Year by *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* magazine; and

24 WHEREAS, David Gilpin's dedication, leadership, and

1 commitment to excellence have helped hundreds of students to excel
2 both on and off the field, and he is indeed worthy of recognition
3 for his inspiring record of service; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
5 Legislature hereby honor David Gilpin for his accomplishments as a
6 coach and educator and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
7 future; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Coach Gilpin as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.