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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a beloved high school coach drew to a  
2 close with the passing of Teddy Westbrook Tate of Kountze on  
3 February 1, 2019, at the age of 86; and

4           WHEREAS, Ted Tate was born in Colmesneil on June 13, 1932, to  
5 Robert and Jessie Tate, and he grew up with the companionship of  
6 three siblings, John, Eugenia, and Aline; after spending his  
7 childhood in Kountze, he lived in Austin during his high school  
8 years; and

9           WHEREAS, An accomplished athlete, Mr. Tate played catcher on  
10 The University of Texas at Austin baseball team in the early 1950s;  
11 he used his collegiate experience as a springboard to the  
12 professional ranks, playing with the Beaumont Exporters  
13 minor-league team; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1962, Mr. Tate began what would become a  
15 legendary coaching career in Kountze; he ultimately guided his high  
16 school teams to state semifinal berths in three different sports,  
17 baseball, basketball, and football; the all-time winningest coach  
18 in school history, he compiled an impressive overall career record  
19 of 502 victories, 258 losses, and 5 ties; and

20           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Coach Tate enjoyed the love  
21 and support of his wife, Billie; he was the devoted father of three  
22 children, Tatia, Tanda, and Tray, and he experienced the joy of  
23 welcoming into his family five grandchildren, Taryl, Sydney, Cara,  
24 Tate, and Sterling; and

1           WHEREAS, Ted Tate made a positive difference in the lives of  
2 hundreds of Kountze students, and he leaves behind a legacy that  
3 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Teddy Westbrook  
7 Tate and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and his many  
8 friends; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ted Tate.