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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a renowned high school football coach
2 drew to a close with the passing of Edward Anthony Joseph on March
3 31, 2019, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Eddie Joseph was born on June 30, 1933, to Peter and
5 Marion Joseph, and he grew up with two siblings, Peggy and Pete; a
6 versatile athlete at the Jesuit College Preparatory School of
7 Dallas, he was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame almost 50
8 years later; he played football at the University of Oklahoma and
9 Austin College and graduated from North Texas State University in
10 1954; he then served three years in the U.S. Marine Corps, and he
11 became a member of the All-Marine, All-Navy, and All-Service
12 gridiron teams; and

13 WHEREAS, After first coaching at Victoria High School,
14 Mr. Joseph was twice named Coach of the Year at Bishop McGuinness
15 Catholic High School in Oklahoma City, where his teams won four
16 state crowns during his five-year stay; returning to Texas, he
17 spent two years at Corpus Christi Carroll High School and then moved
18 to Wharton High School, serving 14 years as head coach and athletic
19 director; in the course of his career, he compiled an impressive
20 record of 138 wins, 54 losses, and 6 ties, leading his teams to
21 first-place or second-place district finishes in 15 of his 19
22 seasons as a head coach; and

23 WHEREAS, A prominent figure in the coaching profession,
24 Mr. Joseph held the offices of director and president of the Texas

1 High School Coaches Association, and he went on to serve a long
2 tenure as the organization's executive vice president; he was
3 inducted into the THSCA Hall of Honor and the Texas High School
4 Football Hall of Fame, and his contributions were recognized by
5 such organizations as the National Football Foundation and College
6 Football Hall of Fame, the American Football Coaches Association,
7 and the Prairie View Interscholastic League; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Joseph enjoyed the love
9 and support of his wife, Mary, with whom he shared 65 years of
10 rewarding marriage; he was the devoted father of five children,
11 Tricia, Gary, Diane, Michael, and Scott, and he also took great
12 pride in his eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Earning the lasting respect and admiration of his
14 colleagues, Eddie Joseph made a positive difference in the lives of
15 countless student-athletes, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
16 long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be
17 it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edward Anthony
20 Joseph and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends;
21 and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eddie
25 Joseph.