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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Donald Clayton, the only head football coach in the  
2 history of Cinco Ranch High School, is retiring from the Katy  
3 Independent School District in May 2019, drawing to a close an  
4 exemplary career that has spanned nearly four decades; and

5 WHEREAS, An accomplished athlete in his youth, Don Clayton  
6 received his introduction to high school football while a member of  
7 the Nederland High School team; he went on to play football and  
8 baseball at the University of Wyoming, where he was later inducted  
9 into the Athletics Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, After gaining coaching experience at Nederland,  
11 Beaumont French, and A&M Consolidated High Schools, Mr. Clayton  
12 served as an assistant coach at Katy High School before spending  
13 four years as athletic director and head football coach at  
14 Livingston High School; he then returned to Katy High, ultimately  
15 working at the school for a total of 11 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Clayton was tasked with launching the Cinco  
17 Ranch football program when the high school opened in 1999; the  
18 Cougars played their first season in 2000 and quickly responded to  
19 their coach's outstanding leadership, making the playoffs in only  
20 their fifth year of competition; in his two decades at the school,  
21 Coach Clayton has led the team to 13 postseason berths and  
22 appearances in the state semifinals in 2009 and 2016; along the way,  
23 he has compiled an impressive record of 141 wins and only 78 losses  
24 and has skillfully guided the development of the school's other

1 sports teams in his role as athletic director; and

2 WHEREAS, Highly respected by his peers, Coach Clayton has  
3 held numerous leadership roles, including president of the Greater  
4 Houston Football Coaches Association and Region V director of the  
5 Texas High School Coaches Association; he belongs to both  
6 organizations' halls of honor as well as the Katy ISD Athletic Hall  
7 of Honor; his other accolades include the Touchdown Club of Houston  
8 and Semper Fi Coach of the Year awards, and he was twice named the  
9 top coach in District 19-6A; and

10 WHEREAS, With his outstanding abilities as a mentor, Don  
11 Clayton has had a positive influence on hundreds of young athletes  
12 as well as numerous coaches, and he may reflect with pride on an  
13 exceptional career as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his  
14 life; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby congratulate Donald Clayton on his retirement  
17 from Cinco Ranch High School and extend to him sincere best wishes  
18 for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for Coach Clayton as an expression of high regard by the  
21 Texas House of Representatives.