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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Terry Gambill announced his retirement as head  
2 football coach at Allen High School on March 16, 2021, drawing to a  
3 close an exemplary career that spanned 36 years; and

4           WHEREAS, Coach Gambill became the Allen head coach in 2016;  
5 under his direction, the Eagles compiled a record of 65 wins and  
6 just 4 losses over the course of five years and never lost a regular  
7 season matchup; the highlight of his tenure came in 2017, when the  
8 team won the 6A Division 1 state championship with a perfect 16-0  
9 record; Allen also made strong championship bids in 2016 and 2018,  
10 advancing all the way to the semifinals; and

11           WHEREAS, This experienced mentor started his career in 1985  
12 as a ninth-grade coach at Garland High School and went on to work as  
13 an assistant at Duncanville, Southlake Carroll, and Forney; he next  
14 served as the defensive coordinator at Allen for nine seasons,  
15 including during the Eagles' first state championship run in 2008;  
16 named head coach at Midway High School in Waco in 2010, he guided  
17 the Panthers to a 68-13 record and reached the UIL 4A Division 1  
18 state final in 2011; and

19           WHEREAS, An alumnus of Garland High School, Coach Gambill  
20 played football at Tarleton State University, where he twice earned  
21 first team all-conference recognition and was an honorable mention  
22 NAIA All-American his senior season; he was inducted into the TSU  
23 Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998; and

24           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Coach Gambill enjoys the love

1 and support of his wife, Cindy, and he takes tremendous pride in his  
2 children, Chase, Cody, and Kayce, and in his three grandchildren;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Through his vision and leadership, Terry Gambill has  
5 helped carry on a proud tradition of gridiron excellence at Allen  
6 High School, and he may reflect with pride on his many achievements  
7 as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Terry Gambill on his retirement as  
11 head coach of the Allen High School football team and extend to him  
12 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Coach Gambill as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.