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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Waxahachie High School coaching great Lonnie Gaylor
2 has been named one of the top 100 Texas high school basketball
3 coaches of all time by the University Interscholastic League; and

4 WHEREAS, In celebration of 100 years of UIL basketball, the
5 organization gathered a group of experts and historians to honor
6 the 100 greatest coaches from the sport's illustrious history; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Gaylor began his career as a basketball coach
8 in 1972 at Nacogdoches High School; after five seasons with the
9 Dragons, he enjoyed a successful four-year run with Marlin High
10 before taking charge of the Graham High School program; during his
11 outstanding 16-year tenure at the school, the team had undefeated
12 regular seasons in 1984 and 1995, and the 1996 squad competed in the
13 3A state title game; he helped the Steers compile an undefeated
14 record of 40 wins and zero losses in district play in his last four
15 seasons at the helm; and

16 WHEREAS, Arriving at Waxahachie High School in 1997, Coach
17 Gaylor guided the Indians to eight postseason appearances in 11
18 seasons, including two trips to the regional round of the state
19 playoffs; after 36 years coaching basketball, he retired in 2008,
20 leaving behind an impressive legacy; he tallied 706 career
21 victories as a head coach and was inducted into the Texas
22 Association of Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2016; and

23 WHEREAS, A graduate of Jacksonville High School, Coach Gaylor
24 competed as a member of the Jacksonville College basketball squad

1 before earning both bachelor's and master's degrees from Stephen F.
2 Austin State University; an influential member of his profession,
3 he served as a board member, board secretary, and president of the
4 Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and as director of the TABC
5 Camp of Champs; he remains active in athletics as the coach of the
6 Waxahachie High girls' golf team; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the course of a basketball coaching career
8 spanning more than three and a half decades, Lonnie Gaylor
9 exemplified the passion, dedication, and commitment to excellence
10 that are the hallmarks of the best coaches, and he is indeed
11 deserving of this prestigious UIL recognition; now, therefore, be
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Lonnie Gaylor on being selected as
15 one of the top 100 Texas high school basketball coaches of all-time
16 by the University Interscholastic League and extend to him sincere
17 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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