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H.R. No. 1296

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Paul Willingham, an assistant coach for the Ennis
2 High School football team, has been named one of the 2021 winners of
3 the High School Broyles Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Named in honor of legendary University of Arkansas
5 head coach Frank Broyles, the Broyles Award was initially
6 established to honor the top assistant coach in college football,
7 and in 2018 the award was expanded to give a national spotlight to
8 the top assistant coaches at the high school level, with a winner
9 being named in each participating state; and

10 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Coach Willie" by his
11 players, Paul Willingham began coaching at Ennis High School in
12 1982; he currently serves as defensive coordinator and linebackers
13 coach in addition to teaching biology; he helped guide the football
14 powerhouse to state championships in 2000, 2001, 2004, and 2014;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Willingham moved with his family to Ennis in
17 1973, and he was a member of the Lions football team for five years,
18 playing primarily as a linebacker; after graduating in 1978, he
19 attended Tarleton State University, where he earned a bachelor's
20 degree in agriculture education; in all of his endeavors, he is
21 supported by his wife of 39 years, Kathy Ballew Willingham, and the
22 couple's three children; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his leadership and expertise, Paul
24 Willingham has inspired generations of students to realize their

1 full potential, both on and off the field, and he is indeed
2 deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Paul Willingham on receiving a 2021
5 High School Broyles Award and extend to him sincere best wishes for
6 continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Coach Willingham as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.