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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In recognition of his notable contributions to area athletics, Jesse Benavidez was inducted into the Midland Independent School District Hall of Legends on October 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Every other year, the Hall of Legends recognizes a new class of inductees, honoring exceptional athletes, teams, and coaches, as well as prominent supporters of the district's sports programs; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Benavidez enjoyed an exemplary career with Midland ISD that spanned more than three decades; he began coaching in 1974 at Lee Freshman High School and later became an assistant football and baseball coach at Lee High School; in 1990, he took the reins of the Rebel baseball program as head coach, and over the next 17 years, he built a remarkable record of success; under his direction, Lee compiled a total of 36 district, bi-district, area, and regional quarterfinal championships and advanced to the 2007 state tournament in his final season before retiring; this respected mentor was a 10-time district Coach of the Year, and he compiled an outstanding ledger of 365 wins, 176 losses, and 3 ties; and

WHEREAS, A talented baseball player in his own right, Coach Benavidez was a two-time collegiate All-American at Lubbock Christian University; he was inducted into the LCU Hall of Honor in 1989 and was chosen as the centerfielder for the university's 1970s All-Decade Team; and

WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts, Jesse Benavidez has furthered the proud tradition of athletic excellence and participation that has long been a hallmark of Midland ISD, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Jesse Benavidez on his induction into the Midland ISD Hall of Legends and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Coach Benavidez as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.