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H.C.R. No. 12

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In recognition of his notable contributions to area
2 athletics, Terry Williamson was posthumously inducted into the
3 Midland Independent School District Hall of Legends on October 27,
4 2023; and

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

9 WHEREAS, For more than four decades, Mr. Williamson
10 documented Midland and Permian Basin sports as a reporter with the
11 *Midland Reporter-Telegram*; he joined the paper in 1972 and became
12 sports editor in 1988; in the course of his duties, he was actively
13 involved in covering local school athletics, and he played an
14 instrumental role in establishing the *Reporter-Telegram's*
15 reportage on Title IX sports; highly respected by his peers, he was
16 a two-time winner of the Hearst Eagle Award and garnered numerous
17 other journalism accolades; and

18 WHEREAS, Before he joined the paper, Mr. Williamson was a
19 member of the U.S. Army and earned a Bronze Star for his service in
20 Vietnam; after retiring from full-time journalism in 2013, he
21 authored opinion pieces for the *Reporter-Telegram* as well as a
22 book, *Man in the Ring*; he passed away in 2022; and

23 WHEREAS, Through his dedicated efforts, Terry Williamson
24 helped focus public attention on the proud tradition of athletic

1 excellence and participation that has long been a hallmark of
2 Midland ISD, and he is indeed deserving of this prestigious honor;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas,
5 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to Terry Williamson on the
6 occasion of his posthumous induction into the Midland ISD Hall of
7 Legends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives and Senate.