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S.C.R. No. 5

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Texas School for the Deaf alumnus Robert Rives was a dedicated educator and a trailblazing figure in the state's deaf and hard of hearing community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rives became the first TSD alumnus to attend the prestigious National College, which is today known as Gallaudet University, in Washington, D.C.; following his graduation in 1893, he embarked on a rewarding career as a teacher at TSD that spanned more than four decades; he also served as the school's first football coach from 1894 to 1898, achieving a record of 10-8-1; among his many honors, he was inducted into the Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association Hall of Fame in the sports category in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Robert Rives continues to be a source of inspiration to young athletes at the Texas School for the Deaf, and the naming of the TSD middle school gymnasium in his honor would be a fitting tribute to his legacy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 89th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby direct the Texas School for the Deaf to name its middle school gymnasium the Robert Rives Gymnasium; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official copy of this resolution to the Governing Board of the Texas School for the Deaf.