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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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