

1 WHEREAS, Coach Franklin remained in the head coaching role until his retirement
2 in 2002, and he returned after one year of retirement to serve as an assistant coach under his
3 son, David; he spent over fifty years total coaching high school football; and

4 WHEREAS, in thirty-five seasons as a head coach, Coach Franklin recorded three
5 hundred sixty-five wins, eleven state championships, four state runner-up finishes, twenty-
6 seven district titles, eight undefeated seasons, and thirty-one playoff appearances; he was a
7 twenty-three-time district coach of the year, six-time state coach of the year, and two-time
8 Region Five Coach of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Franklin was elected as a member of the LHSCA/LHSAA Hall
10 of Fame, Louisiana College Hall of Fame, North Louisiana Chapter of the National Football
11 Foundation and Hall of Fame, Louisiana Sports Writers Hall of Fame, and the National
12 Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame; he was the president of the
13 Louisiana High School coaches Association for two years, served as a board member of the
14 LHSCA Executive Committee, served on the committee that established the Louisiana High
15 School Hall of Fame, and served on the board for the Louisiana Football Coaches
16 Association; he was a member of the Haynesville Lion's Club and served as its president for
17 several years; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Franklin was a devoted member of First Baptist Church in
19 Haynesville; he served as a deacon, sang in the church choir, and helped with the Awana's
20 and the Upward Basketball programs; one of the highlights of his career was traveling to
21 Belarus to serve as a counselor on a mission trip basketball camp for children; and

22 WHEREAS, Alton E. "Red" Franklin leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Beth;
23 children, Jeff (Sheila), David (Jennifer), and Tommy (Jeni); grandchildren, Macy Garner
24 (Jamey), Trent Franklin, Erin Franklin, Caroline Franklin, Hayden Franklin, Toby Franklin,
25 and Blake Franklin; and great-grandchild, Eleanor Garner; he will be deeply missed, but the
26 legacy of his loving spirit shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who
27 knew and loved him.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
29 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of Alton E.

1 "Red" Franklin and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, and loved
2 ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

DIGEST

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Expresses the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of Alton E. "Red" Franklin.