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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Sul Ross State University men's basketball team
2 has completed a season to remember, repeating as American Southwest
3 Conference West Division champs, winning the American Southwest
4 Conference title, and advancing to the Sweet 16 in the 2004 NCAA
5 Division III tournament; and

6 WHEREAS, Led by head coach Doug Davalos, the Lobos captured
7 their first American Southwest Conference title and earned an
8 automatic berth in the NCAA tournament after defeating The
9 University of Texas at Dallas and defending champ Mississippi
10 College; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Davalos was instrumental in the team's
12 success, inspiring his young players with his remarkable work
13 ethic, knowledge of the game, and passion for teaching, while
14 leading his team to its first postseason tournament appearance in
15 67 years; named American Southwest Conference West Division Coach
16 of the Year, this dynamic leader is building on his reputation as
17 one of the Lone Star State's up-and-coming young coaches; and

18 WHEREAS, The team finished the season with an impressive 21-9
19 record that included exciting victories over the University of
20 Dallas and Trinity University in the first two rounds of the
21 national tournament; the only Texas team to reach the Sweet 16, the
22 Lobos exceeded expectations throughout the year, winning through a
23 combination of skill, teamwork, and desire; and

24 WHEREAS, Dedication and commitment to excellence were

1 demonstrated by team members Omar Pineda of Alpine, Xavier Milligan
2 of El Paso, Sidney Hooper of Andrews, Larry Morales of El Paso,
3 Austin Mathis of Odessa, Rick Herrera of Alamogordo, New Mexico,
4 Andre Wright of El Paso, Chris Packer of Midland, Aaron Hardwick of
5 El Paso, Hugh Morrissey of El Paso, Michael Ortega of Clint, Derric
6 Workman of Odessa, Rockland Owens of Wharton, Robert Romero of San
7 Marcos, and Justin Steward of Texico, New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, These exemplary student athletes have excelled in
9 their efforts both on and off the court, making vital contributions
10 to the overall success of the basketball program, and it is most
11 appropriate to honor them for an outstanding season; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
14 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Coach Doug Davalos and the
15 Sul Ross State University Lobos on their outstanding 2003-2004
16 season and extend best wishes for continued success to all those
17 associated with the team; and, be it further

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