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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The University of Texas women's basketball team has  
2 returned to elite status by earning a place in the 2003 NCAA Women's  
3 Final Four, the school's first appearance in that prestigious event  
4 in 17 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Having claimed both the Big 12 regular season and  
6 conference tournament titles, Texas was rewarded with the No. 2  
7 seed in the West Region of the NCAA tournament, and defeated  
8 Hampton, Arkansas, and Minnesota in successive tournament games;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Texas faced top-seeded Louisiana State in the West  
11 Regional final, but the Lady Longhorns proved more than equal to the  
12 monumental task, completely dominating their opponent 78-60 to win  
13 a coveted berth in the Final Four in Atlanta; and

14           WHEREAS, The Lady Longhorns' return to national prominence is  
15 the result of total dedication to the team concept by players Tamra  
16 Cobbins, Jody Bell, Kala Bowers, Alisha Sare, Jamie Carey, Tai  
17 Dillard, Stephanie Thiel, Janna Jespersen, Heather Schreiber, Nina  
18 Norman, Coco Reed, BranDee Fry, Stacy Stephens, Annissa Hastings,  
19 and Mercedes Williams; and

20           WHEREAS, Legendary head coach Jody Conradt, who this year  
21 surpassed the 800-victory mark in her illustrious career, inspired  
22 her young charges to perform at the highest possible level, and she  
23 was ably supported in her endeavors by associate head coach Karen  
24 Aston, and assistant coaches Fred Applin and Kathy Harston; and

1           WHEREAS, This year's Lady Longhorns squad has added another  
2 memorable chapter to the storied history of women's basketball at  
3 The University of Texas and the team is indeed worthy of special  
4 legislative recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of The University of  
7 Texas women's basketball team on advancing to the NCAA 2003 Final  
8 Four and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in  
9 their quest for the national championship; and, be it further

10          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the team members and coaching staff as an expression of  
12 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.