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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, University of Texas women's head basketball coach  
2 Jody Conradt reached another milestone in her illustrious career on  
3 January 22, 2003, when she claimed her 800th victory, becoming one  
4 of only six Division I coaches to achieve that plateau; and

5           WHEREAS, Facing seventh-ranked Texas Tech in this  
6 all-important contest, the Lady Longhorns refused to be denied,  
7 battling to a 69-58 victory to present Coach Conradt with her 800th  
8 career win; and

9           WHEREAS, A Goldthwaite native and graduate of Baylor  
10 University, she began her career at Sam Houston State University  
11 and also coached at The University of Texas at Arlington before  
12 taking the helm of the women's basketball team at the Forty Acres in  
13 1976; and

14           WHEREAS, Coach Conradt quickly built the Texas program into a  
15 perennial national contender, and in 1986 her Lady Longhorns  
16 achieved the pinnacle of success by becoming the first women's  
17 basketball team to finish the season as undefeated national  
18 champions; and

19           WHEREAS, Also a gifted and dedicated administrator, she  
20 served with distinction as women's athletic director at UT for 10  
21 productive years, ably guiding the program through an unprecedented  
22 period of expansion; and

23           WHEREAS, Coach Conradt's status as a sports legend was  
24 permanently enshrined through her 1998 induction into the Naismith

1 Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, and she is also an inductee of the  
2 International Women's Sports Hall of Fame, the Texas Sports Hall of  
3 Fame, the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, and the Women's Basketball  
4 Hall of Fame; in addition, she has been named National Coach of the  
5 Year four times and has received numerous other awards and  
6 accolades far too numerous to mention; and

7 WHEREAS, Over the course of her remarkable career Jody  
8 Conradt has established herself as one of the true giants of her  
9 profession, and this significant milestone provides a fitting  
10 opportunity to honor her for her many phenomenal achievements; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby congratulate University of Texas women's  
14 basketball head coach Jody Conradt on her 800th career coaching  
15 victory and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued  
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Coach Conradt as an expression of high regard by the  
19 Texas House of Representatives.