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H.R. No. 826

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Kathleen Rodriguez has been hired by The University
2 of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) to develop and coach the school's new
3 softball team; and

4 WHEREAS, The first female minority head coach in UTEP's
5 history, Coach Rodriguez compiled a 168-158-1 record as the head
6 softball coach at Eastern New Mexico University and Schreiner
7 University, where she was charged with establishing the school's
8 softball program; in 2001 she was named Lone Star Conference Coach
9 of the Year after leading Eastern New Mexico to the conference and
10 regional championships and a fifth-place national ranking; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Rodriguez's record of success as an athlete,
12 student, and teacher is truly remarkable; an all-state high school
13 player and a four-year starter at St. Mary's University, she earned
14 a degree in exercise and sports science in 1994; she has coached
15 three All-Americans, one conference player of the year, 29
16 All-Conference players, 24 Academic All-Conference honorees, 10
17 Academic All-District selections, and 22 Academic All-Americans;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Many challenges lay ahead for this talented and
20 dedicated coach, and with her unquestioned ability and the support
21 of her husband, James, and her two sons, Ryan and Aryn, she will
22 undoubtedly succeed in this latest endeavor; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor Kathleen Rodriguez on her selection as the

1 softball coach of The University of Texas at El Paso and extend to
2 her best wishes for success in her new role; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for Coach Rodriguez as an expression of high regard by the
5 Texas House of Representatives.