

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Sam Houston State University men's basketball  
2 team achieved great success during the 2002-2003 campaign, and  
3 truly gave its fans a season to remember; and

4           WHEREAS, Having claimed the Southland Conference regular  
5 season title for the second time in four years, the Bearkats  
6 continued their winning ways by edging Stephen F. Austin 69-66 in  
7 overtime in the finals of the Southland Conference tournament to  
8 earn a berth in the 2003 NCAA Tournament, the team's first-ever NCAA  
9 bid; and

10           WHEREAS, Although Sam Houston State fell to nationally ranked  
11 Florida in the first round of the NCAA tournament, the Bearkats  
12 earned the respect and admiration of all who witnessed their  
13 performance throughout their historic season; and

14           WHEREAS, The Bearkats' success on the court is a result of the  
15 exceptional efforts of players Mario Kinsey, Jay Oliphant, Eddy  
16 Barlow, Othello Alford, Marcus Ebow, Sam Onwuchekwa, Robert  
17 Shannon, Rodrick Winters, Jason Stephenson, Chris Jordan, Felton  
18 Freeman, Eddy Fobbs, Donald Cole, and Nick Christopher; and

19           WHEREAS, Although each player made significant contributions  
20 to the team's overall success, several also earned individual  
21 distinction, including Donald Cole, who was named Southland  
22 Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year, Robert Shannon,  
23 tabbed for Second Team All-Southland Conference honors, and Eddy  
24 Fobbs, who was selected to the All-Southland Conference third team;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Southland Conference Coach of the Year Bob Marlin  
3 provided his young charges with superb leadership and guidance,  
4 inspiring each of his players to perform at the highest level; and

5 WHEREAS, These dedicated student-athletes, with their  
6 coaches and staff, are a source of great pride to all those  
7 associated with Sam Houston State University, and it is indeed  
8 appropriate that the team receive special legislative recognition  
9 at this time; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Sam Houston  
12 State University men's basketball team on winning the Southland  
13 Conference regular season and tournament championships and extend  
14 to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
15 further

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

Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 834

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 834 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House