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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.