

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In his five years as men's head basketball coach at
2 Sam Houston State University, Bob Marlin has shaped his Bearkat
3 team into a force to be reckoned with in the Southland Conference;
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5 WHEREAS, When he took over the Sam Houston State University
6 program, Coach Marlin set about transforming the Bearkats from a
7 perennial dweller in the Southland Conference's lower division to a
8 repeat title winner; his remarkable efforts were rewarded with
9 conference championships in 2000 and 2003, and he was deservedly
10 named Southland Conference Coach of the Year for each of those
11 seasons; and

12 WHEREAS, Before joining the staff at Sam Houston State
13 University, Coach Marlin was an assistant coach at Alabama,
14 Marshall, Houston Baptist, and Louisiana-Monroe; he began his head
15 coaching career at Pensacola Junior College, where his phenomenal
16 success in taking his team to a national title earned him National
17 Junior College Coach of the Year honors in 1993; and

18 WHEREAS, A native of Tupelo, Mississippi, he earned a
19 bachelor of science degree in physical education at Mississippi
20 State University and went on to attain a master's degree in health
21 and physical education from Northeast Louisiana; and

22 WHEREAS, Under Coach Marlin's expert direction, the men's
23 basketball program has become a source of great pride to all those
24 associated with Sam Houston State University, and it is indeed

1 appropriate that he receive special legislative recognition at this
2 time; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate Bob Marlin on his team's
5 exceptional performance during the 2002-2003 season and extend to
6 him sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for Coach Marlin as an expression of high regard by the
9 Texas House of Representatives.

Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 835

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 835 was adopted by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House