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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;  
4 and

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.