

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas takes pride in recognizing Jody Conradt, women's basketball coach for The University of Texas at Austin, on coaching her 800th career victory in a game against Texas Tech University on January 22, 2003; and

WHEREAS, An internationally renowned coach who has been inducted into numerous halls of fame, Jody Conradt became the second woman to join the elite 800 Club with this awesome 69-58 victory by the Lady Longhorns of The University of Texas at Austin; she is only the seventh coach to win 800 games in American college basketball history; her overall record stands at 800-262; and

WHEREAS, The extraordinary coaching talent that Jody Conradt has brought to her 27 seasons as head coach of the Lady Longhorns has made her a legend among her peers; and

WHEREAS, During Jody's tenure as head coach, Texas has emerged as a national basketball power, and it has dominated conference play--the Longhorns won an astonishing 183 straight Southwest Conference games over a 12-year period; in addition, her remarkable coaching has sent numerous Texas athletes into the professional basketball ranks; and

WHEREAS, Jody began her illustrious career in her hometown of Goldthwaite, where she was an outstanding athlete and a member of the Goldthwaite High School basketball team; while a student at Baylor University, she continued to play basketball, averaging 20 points per game; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Baylor University in 1963, Jody taught and coached at Waco Midway High School for several years; she earned a master's degree from Baylor University in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Jody took her first job as a college basketball coach at Sam Houston State University in 1969; she also was in charge of the track and volleyball teams; she joined the staff of The University of Texas-Arlington in 1973 and coached its women's basketball, softball, and volleyball teams; and

WHEREAS, After arriving at The University of Texas at Austin in 1976, Jody quickly improved the Lady Longhorns's ranking by ensuring that the team played against more talented opponents; her vision paid off--in her third year as head coach, she led the team to a 37-4 season, and in her fourth year, she won the National Coach of the Year award; the Lady Longhorns won the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women state title in her fifth year; and

WHEREAS, A tenacious and visionary women's sports leader, Jody has built a great team partly through her dedication and talent and partly through her serious recruitment efforts and her special ability to forge close relationships with high school coaches and players; in addition to her coaching responsibilities, she served as the women's athletic director at The University of Texas at Austin from 1992 to 2001; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Jody Conradt has received countless honors; she was inducted into the Texas Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1986, and she was chosen the Southwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988, and 1996; she was inducted into the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1995; she has earned four National Coach of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, Undoubtedly one of America's most esteemed women's basketball coaches, Jody Conradt pursues excellence in all of her endeavors; she has distinguished herself in her profession and is a source of great pride to The University of Texas at Austin and its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend Jody Conradt for her exceptional accomplishments and her outstanding career and extend congratulations to her for winning her 800th collegiate basketball game; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 28, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate