SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 398

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Coach Joe Lombard on earning his 10th state girls' basketball championship title; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lombard is finishing his 25th year of coaching basketball; he spent seven years at Nazareth High School, and he has spent 18 years at Canyon High School; with the recent victory of the Canyon Lady Eagles over Kountze High School, he collected his 10th state girls' title; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his exceptional achievements, Coach Lombard was named the National High School Coach of the Year by the prestigious Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and he will be honored at the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Final Four in Atlanta; in April, he will coach the Red Team in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-America high school game; and

WHEREAS, Lombard's coaching record is 844-77, an unheard of winning percentage of .916; during the past 15 years, his record includes a 164-2 district mark and 15 consecutive district titles; and

WHEREAS, The impressive success of his teams over the years demonstrates his expertise and sound judgment and is a tribute to his exemplary leadership skills and professionalism; Coach Lombard sets high standards for his players, and he is a positive influence on the lives of his students and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas,

78th Legislature, hereby commend Joe Lombard for his outstanding career as coach of the young people of this state and extend best wishes to him for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 18, 2003.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate