

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 989

WHEREAS, The history of men's collegiate basketball in the State of Texas cannot be told without paying homage to legendary coach Guy V. Lewis, who built the University of Houston Cougars' program into a national powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, A captain on the Houston basketball team that won two Lone Star Conference championships, Mr. Lewis returned to his alma mater in 1953 as an assistant coach, and moved up to the head coaching position three years later; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of the next three decades, this superb coach led his Cougar teams to 592 victories, five National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four appearances, 14 National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament berths, two Southwest Conference regular season championships, and four Southwest Conference postseason tournament titles; and

WHEREAS, An extraordinary assessor of hoops talent, Coach Lewis recruited 15 players who went on to become All-Americans, including such greats as Elvin Hayes, Hakeem Olajuwon, and Clyde Drexler, and had 29 of his Cougars selected in the National Basketball Association draft; and

WHEREAS, He garnered national Coach of the Year honors in 1968 and 1983, is the recipient of the inaugural Don Haskins Texas Lifetime Achievement Award and an inductee into the University of Houston Hall of Honor, and received the singular honor of having the Hofheinz Pavilion basketball floor named the "Guy V. Lewis Court" in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Coach Lewis has maintained a level of excellence throughout his storied career with the University of Houston that few can ever hope to duplicate, and it is indeed appropriate that he receive special legislative recognition at this time; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby congratulate Guy V. Lewis on his remarkable coaching career at the University of Houston and his outstanding contributions to collegiate basketball in the State of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Coach Lewis as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

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

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate