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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Ron Randleman, the longtime head football coach at
2 Sam Houston State University, announced his retirement at the
3 conclusion of the 2004 season, drawing to a close an outstanding
4 36-year career in coaching; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Randleman came to SHSU in 1982 after 13
6 successful seasons as head coach at William Penn University and
7 Pittsburgh State University; during his impressive 23-year tenure,
8 he established a career record of 132-124-3, won five conference
9 championships, and became the all-time winningest coach in
10 Southland Conference history; he leaves the coaching fraternity
11 with an overall record of 219-166-6; and

12 WHEREAS, In his final season at the helm, Coach Randleman led
13 the Bearkats through a spectacular 2004 season that included a
14 school-record 11 wins, a first-ever appearance in the Division I-AA
15 semifinals, and the team's highest national ranking since the
16 school moved to Division I in 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Randleman's career achievements include 12
18 selections as regional or conference coach of the year as well as
19 tenure as president of the NCAA Division I-AA Football Coaches
20 Association and the NAIA Football Coaches Association; he was
21 elected to the Board of Trustees for the American Coaches
22 Association in 1999 and also serves as a member of the NCAA Football
23 Rules Committee; and

24 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Coach Randleman has enjoyed

1 the love and support of his wife, Margie; retirement will
2 undoubtedly afford him the opportunity to spend more time with his
3 family as well as indulge in his favorite leisure activities; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed leader and mentor has served Sam
5 Houston State University with integrity and dedication, earning the
6 deep respect of all who have been privileged to work with him, and
7 it is a pleasure to recognize his outstanding career as he embarks
8 on an exciting new chapter in his life; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor head football coach Ron Randleman on his
11 retirement from Sam Houston State University and extend to him
12 sincere best wishes for success and happiness in all his endeavors;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Coach Randleman as an expression of high regard by the
16 Texas House of Representatives.