

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Sam Houston State University Bearkats football
2 team has achieved an admirable level of excellence on the gridiron,
3 making the 2004 season an exciting and memorable one for the team's
4 many fans; and

5 WHEREAS, The Bearkats established a school-record 11-3
6 season mark, winning the Southland Conference football
7 co-championship and earning the school's first appearance in the
8 NCAA Division I-AA semifinals; ranked second in passing yardage and
9 fifth in total offense in Division I-AA, the team set 15 school
10 records during the 2004 season, including most points, most yards
11 passing, and most yards total offense; and

12 WHEREAS, Five Bearkats earned All-America honors, including
13 quarterback Dustin Long, who was also a finalist for the Walter
14 Payton Award and the Southland Conference "Player of the Year"
15 award; in addition, two Sam Houston State players earned Academic
16 All-America All-Region honors; and

17 WHEREAS, These exceptional athletes and their teammates were
18 ably schooled in the game's fundamentals by head coach Ron
19 Randleman, whose 219 career victories rank third among active
20 Division I-AA coaches; Coach Randleman was ably supported by a
21 top-notch staff of coaches and trainers, each of whom made a
22 valuable contribution to the team's success; and

23 WHEREAS, The Sam Houston State University football team is a
24 source of tremendous pride to the university's students, faculty,

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1 and alumni, and the team's superlative achievements indeed merit
2 special commendation; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor the players and coaches of the Sam Houston
5 State University Bearkats football team for an outstanding 2004
6 season and extend to them best wishes for the future; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Sam Houston State University as an expression of
10 commendation from the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 75 was adopted by the House on
February 15, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House