

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ron Randleman, who is retiring after 23 years of outstanding service as head coach of the Sam Houston State University Bearkats football team; and

WHEREAS, During his 36 seasons as a head coach, Ron Randleman had an exceptional career record of 219-166-6, and he leaves Sam Houston State University after 23 seasons with a record of 132-124-3 and five conference championships; and

WHEREAS, Named head football coach at Sam Houston State University in 1982, Coach Randleman took over a program with a 25-67 record in its previous eight seasons in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics; he built the Bearkats into a team that earned National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA national rankings in 1986, 1987, 1991, 2001, and 2004; and

WHEREAS, In his final season as the head coach for Sam Houston State University football team, Ron Randleman led the Bearkats to Division I-AA playoffs, with a school record of 11 wins for the first time in the school's history; the Sam Houston Bearkats reached the national semifinals, ending what was arguably the best football season in Sam Houston State University's history; and

WHEREAS, After a disappointing 2-9 season in 2003, the Bearkats rebounded with 11 wins in 2004 and were named the most improved football team in Division I-A and Division I-AA; six of the Bearkats were named All-America, and the quarterback of the team was one of the top three Division I-AA players of the year; the team proved its prowess by defeating five teams that were ranked in the top 25 in Division I-AA; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure at the university, Coach Randleman has earned numerous accolades; he has been honored 12 times as regional or conference "Coach-of-the-Year" for his exemplary abilities as head coach; and

WHEREAS, Ron Randleman has also been actively involved in community service, and he was honored with the Citizen of the Year award in 2004 by *The Huntsville Item*; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his notable career he has been supported by his accomplished wife, Margie, and his son, Brad, and daughter, Mindie; and

WHEREAS, Coach Randleman has earned the high regard of his colleagues and the athletes he coached at Sam Houston State University, and his enthusiasm and expertise will be greatly missed by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Ron Randleman for his contributions as head coach of the Sam Houston State University Bearkats and for his inspiration to generations of young athletes and extend best wishes for an enjoyable and rewarding retirement; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem 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 February 15, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate