

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 653

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Jody Conradt on the occasion of her retirement as head coach of the women's basketball team of The University of Texas at Austin; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Coach Conradt led the Lady Longhorns to 21 National Collegiate Athletics Association tournaments, finishing in 11 Sweet Sixteens, five Elite Eights, and three Final Fours and winning the national title in 1986 with a perfect 34-0 record, the first women's program to go undefeated; and

WHEREAS, Coach Conradt was the first women's basketball coach to reach 700 victories, and she recently celebrated her 900th career win; she finished her career with a record of 900-307, second all-time among all men's and women's college basketball coaches; one of the most important statistics of her storied career is that 99 percent of her players earned their degrees; and

WHEREAS, Coach Conradt began her career at The University of Texas at Austin in 1976 shortly after the passage of Title IX, when women's sports still played a minor role on campus and in society; due in large part to the excellence of her teams and her outstanding leadership, Austin has become one of the main centers for women's sports in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Coach Conradt has been a pioneer for women's sports in Texas, and she is justly deserving of appreciation and admiration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Coach Jody Conradt for her dedication and her commitment to excellence and extend to her best wishes for the retirement years ahead; and, be it further

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

Watson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2007.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate