

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1124

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Mark Dantonio, who has been named the new head football coach at Michigan State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Born in El Paso, Coach Dantonio grew up in Ohio and played college football at the University of South Carolina; he then served as an assistant coach under Nick Saban at Michigan State University before becoming the defensive coordinator at Ohio State University, where he developed the stellar defense that helped propel the Buckeyes to a national championship; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Dantonio's character and reputation earned him the job of head coach at the University of Cincinnati, where he revitalized its football program and took his teams to bowl games in two of his three years at the helm; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Dantonio's accomplishments prompted Michigan State University to secure his service as head coach in late 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Dantonio is returning to Texas on May 29, 2007, as a "native son" eager to cultivate relationships with Texas high school football coaches and to focus his eyes on Texas high school football talent, which regularly produces more Division I football scholarship athletes than any other state; and

**WHEREAS**, Coach Dantonio's successful career rests upon his reliance on core principles and values in shaping student-athletes and helping them to become productive citizens; he is truly deserving of recognition for his coaching success and his outstanding contributions to college football; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby commend Mark Dantonio for his many achievements and extend to him a sincere welcome to the Lone Star State; 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 May 23, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate