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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Larry Edward Coker has been named the first head  
2 football coach for The University of Texas at San Antonio, and his  
3 arrival signals the start of an exciting new era in the university's  
4 athletic program; and

5           WHEREAS, Best known for his tenure as head coach at the  
6 University of Miami from 2001 to 2006, Larry Coker draws on 36 years  
7 of coaching experience and can list among his accomplishments  
8 winning the NCAA Division I-A national championship during the  
9 2001-2002 season; and

10           WHEREAS, Coach Coker began his involvement in college  
11 football as a player at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma  
12 and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the school; after  
13 coaching for eight years at the high school level, he became the  
14 quarterbacks and running backs coach at the University of Tulsa in  
15 1979 and went on to prove his abilities in a range of assistant  
16 coaching positions at Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, and Ohio State over  
17 the course of the following 15 seasons; and

18           WHEREAS, He joined the staff at the University of Miami as  
19 offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach in 1995, and he took  
20 over as the Hurricanes head coach six years later; in his very first  
21 season at the helm, Miami went undefeated and captured the national  
22 championship; Coach Coker took his team back to the Bowl  
23 Championship Series title game the following year and posted an  
24 overall record of 60-15 during his six seasons at Miami, compiling

1 an exceptional .800 winning percentage; and

2 WHEREAS, Coach Coker will now put his expertise to work in  
3 building The University of Texas at San Antonio football program,  
4 and the institution's students, alumni, and supporters are  
5 justifiably excited to welcome this proven leader to the Roadrunner  
6 athletic program; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Larry Edward Coker on being named  
9 the first head football coach for The University of Texas at San  
10 Antonio and extend to him sincere best wishes for great success in  
11 the years ahead; and, be it further

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