

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Alumni Association of The University of Texas at Arlington in honoring the late football legend Charles Key for his role as a champion for the university's athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Key was a star player on the Mavericks football team from 1959 to 1962 and led the team as captain in 1961 and 1962; after graduating with a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1964, he spent 22 seasons on the football coaching staff, serving as running backs coach from 1964 to 1979 and as defensive coordinator from 1980 to 1985; he also served as head golf coach and as a physical education instructor; and

WHEREAS, Charlie was a greatly respected coach and teacher; he was a loyal and supportive colleague, friend, and mentor, and he served as a father figure to many of the students who played on the university's teams; he was truly dedicated to the athletics program at The University of Texas at Arlington and strongly believed in the potential of such programs to affect the lives of student athletes in positive and lasting ways; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of The University of Texas at Arlington Athletics Alumni Chapter advisory board and a two-term member of the Alumni Association board of directors; he was inducted into the school's Athletics Hall of Honor in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Key's legacy is being honored at the Ultimate Huddle football program reunion, an event that will raise funds to establish the Charlie Key Fund for athletic capital improvements at The University of Texas at Arlington; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of University of Texas at Arlington football coach Charles Key and extend best wishes for a successful reunion and fund-raising event; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared 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 January 24, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate