

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 744

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Texas Woman's University Pioneers basketball team, which recently won the 2011 Lone Star Conference women's basketball championship title; and

**WHEREAS**, The Pioneers defeated the University of Central Oklahoma by a score of 74-73 in the conference tournament championship game; they achieved their school's first Lone Star Conference victory by overcoming opponents that included three higher-seeded and regionally ranked teams; and

**WHEREAS**, These student-athletes have demonstrated great talent and perseverance over the course of the year, ending the season with a record of 22-11, setting a school record for victories and qualifying for their first berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament; and

**WHEREAS**, Team members Kacie Byford, Erin Dickson, Tiandrea Dixon, Jasmine Ford, Lara Gilliam, Taja Guerin, Jessica Hanna, Diandra Marquez, Brooke Shepherd, Cambria Smith, Taylor Swift, Jeanee' Thompson, Tabatha Thurmond, Ashton Waters, and Kayla Weaver can take great pride in their outstanding performance; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the superior leadership and expertise of head coach Beth Jillson, and with the aid of assistant coach Michael Madrid, graduate assistant coach Savannah Thompson, student manager Peace Bazuaye, and assistant athletic trainer Sheree Colson, the Pioneers have developed outstanding teamwork and discipline; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas Woman's University and the people of Denton are proud of the Pioneers for their hard work, their impressive skills, and their fine sportsmanship; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend the Texas Woman's University Pioneers basketball team on its successful season and extend congratulations to team members on winning the 2011 Lone Star Conference women's basketball championship title; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team 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 April 11, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate