

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Larry Coker of The University of Texas at San  
2 Antonio has built an exceptional record of success as a college  
3 football coach, and his leadership has been instrumental in the  
4 early achievements of the Roadrunner football program; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Okemah, Oklahoma, Coach Coker played  
6 football as a defensive back at Northeastern State University; he  
7 graduated in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in history and went on to  
8 earn a master's degree in guidance counseling and physical  
9 education from the same institution; and

10           WHEREAS, After beginning his career as a head coach at the  
11 high school level in his home state, Coach Coker entered the  
12 collegiate ranks in 1979 as an assistant at the University of Tulsa;  
13 he then worked as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State, Oklahoma,  
14 and Ohio State before joining the University of Miami in 1995 as  
15 offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, and in 2001 he was  
16 promoted to head coach of the Hurricanes; and

17           WHEREAS, He was just the second coach in National Collegiate  
18 Athletic Association history to win a national championship in his  
19 debut season, and he racked up a total of 24 consecutive victories  
20 before suffering a loss; posting an outstanding 60-15 record in his  
21 six seasons at the helm, he led Miami to three Big East Conference  
22 titles and appearances in three Bowl Championship Series games, and  
23 he was twice honored as National Coach of the Year; and

24           WHEREAS, Coach Coker spent two years as a college football

1 analyst for ESPN before being hired by UTSA in 2009 to build the  
2 school's new football program from scratch; beginning play in 2011,  
3 the team enjoyed unprecedented fan support from the outset, and the  
4 Roadrunners established NCAA records for inaugural game attendance  
5 and average home attendance by a startup program; the 2012 season  
6 saw many highlights for UTSA, as Coach Coker guided the team to  
7 their first victories in the Western Athletic Conference and in the  
8 Football Bowl Subdivision; finishing with an 8-4 record, the squad  
9 is well prepared to begin its initial season in Conference USA in  
10 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, Through his knowledge, skill, and commitment to  
12 excellence, Larry Coker has established the UTSA program as a  
13 rising force in college football, and his teams are sure to be a  
14 source of excitement for Roadrunner fans in the years to come; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby honor Larry Coker on his noteworthy coaching  
18 career and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success;  
19 and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 983

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 983 was adopted by the House on March 27, 2013, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House