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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Southwestern Assemblies of God University men's
2 basketball team enjoyed an outstanding 2012-2013 season, advancing
3 all the way to the National Association of Intercollegiate
4 Athletics Division I championship game on March 19 in Kansas City,
5 Missouri; and

6 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of head coach Donnie Bostwick,
7 the Lions won a school-record 33 games while losing only 5; the team
8 captured the Red River Athletic Conference regular season crown and
9 earned the sixth overall seed in the NAIA tournament; and

10 WHEREAS, SAGU opened that competition by reeling off
11 consecutive victories over the University of Science and Arts of
12 Oklahoma, Martin Methodist College, and the University of Montana
13 Western; in the semifinals, the Lions scored a commanding 80-64 win
14 against Lindsey Wilson College to claim their spot in the title
15 contest, where they fell to Georgetown College, ending their season
16 as the Division I runner-up; and

17 WHEREAS, The team's impressive play on the court was
18 recognized with a number of accolades; Dominique Rambo was chosen
19 as an All-American as well as NAIA Co-Player of the Year and Red
20 River Athletic Conference Player of the Year, and he and Michael
21 Nwelue were named to the NAIA All-Tournament team and received
22 All-Conference honors; moreover, Caleb Gentry was an
23 All-Conference honorable mention and Coach Bostwick was selected as
24 RRAC Coach of the Year; and

1 WHEREAS, SAGU's achievements were the result of a true team
2 effort, with valuable contributions also being made by the other
3 members of the roster: Maurice Oglesby, James Ford, Tyler Guidry,
4 Justas Norvilas, Jonathan Walter, Reid Brunner, Adam Martinez,
5 Emmanuel Adoyi, Nathaniel Duce Ward, Ryan Alford, Clayton O'Neill,
6 and Ben Starks; Coach Bostwick was ably supported by assistant
7 coaches Garrett Jones and Kyle Tucker, and the squad further
8 benefited from the spiritual guidance of team chaplain David
9 Leatherberry; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to their success on the court, the Lions
11 distinguished themselves by demonstrating on a daily basis such
12 important values as integrity, sportsmanship, and servant
13 leadership, and they were designated as an NAIA Champions of
14 Character team; and

15 WHEREAS, Through their talent and determination, the
16 Southwestern Assemblies of God University basketball players
17 established the team as a top contender on the national stage, and
18 they may take justifiable pride in their notable accomplishments;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate the Southwestern Assemblies of God
22 University men's basketball team on its exceptional season and on
23 its appearance in the NAIA Division I national championship game
24 and extend to the team's players, coaches, and staff sincere best
25 wishes for the future; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas

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1 House of Representatives.