

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 534

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to pay tribute to Larry Coker, the head coach of The University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coker, who was twice named the National Coach of the Year during his tenure with the University of Miami, was hired in 2009 to create the football program at The University of Texas at San Antonio; within two seasons, he had brought victories, accolades, and unprecedented national exposure to the school; and

WHEREAS, In its first two seasons, his team posted a 12-10 record, with five players earning all-conference honors and 14 players receiving academic all-conference honors; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coker steered the Roadrunners to an 8-4 season in 2012 and led them to their first Football Bowl Subdivision win; the team ended the season with a thrilling matchup against Texas State University in the Alamodome, with 40,000 spectators on hand; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coker has a history of stellar coaching achievements, but he is also known for his high standards and for encouraging scholastic excellence; during his career, 87 of his student athletes have earned academic all-conference awards, and he places tremendous value on seeing that his athletes graduate from college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate Coach Larry Coker for his outstanding leadership at The University of Texas at San Antonio during his football program's first two seasons and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success in the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Coach Coker as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Van de Putte

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 23, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate