

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 699

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the Baylor University men's basketball team, which recently won the 2013 National Invitational Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The Bears became the first Big 12 team to win this prestigious title by defeating the Iowa Hawkeyes by a score of 74-54 at Madison Square Garden in a game that saw them shoot 54 percent from the field while holding the Hawkeyes to 26 percent shooting; and

WHEREAS, These young athletes have demonstrated great talent and perseverance over the course of the year, finishing the season with a record of 23-14, the school's fifth 20-win season in the last six years; team members Isaiah Austin, Deuce Bello, Gary Franklin, Rico Gathers, Brady Heslip, Pierre Jackson, Cory Jefferson, Logan Lowery, Jacob Neubert, Taurean Prince, L. J. Rose, Chad Rykhoek, and A. J. Walton can all take great pride in their outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, Under the superior leadership and expertise of head coach Scott Drew, and with the support of assistant coaches Jerome Tang, Grant McCasland, and Paul Mills, the Bears have developed outstanding teamwork and discipline and have achieved a 15-3 postseason record over the last five years; and

WHEREAS, Baylor University, the people of Waco, and Texans across the state are proud of the Bears for their exceptional skills, their hard work, and their fine sportsmanship; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby commend the Baylor University men's basketball team on its successful season and extend congratulations to team members on winning the 2013 National Invitational Tournament; 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.

Birdwell, Hancock, Paxton,
Taylor, Watson

Member, Texas Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 22, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate