

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 35

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders football team, which won the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national championship; and

**WHEREAS**, The Crusaders won the school's first national championship in football by defeating the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Titans by a score of 10-7 at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl in Salem, Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, These student-athletes demonstrated great talent and perseverance over the course of the year and finished the season with a 15-0 record that established new school and American Southwest Conference football records for single-season victories; and

**WHEREAS**, Under the superior leadership and expertise of Coach Pete Fredenburg, the 2016 American Football Coaches Association Division III Coach of the Year, the Crusaders developed exceptional teamwork and discipline; and

**WHEREAS**, The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and the people of Belton are proud of the Crusaders for their hard work, their impressive skills, and their fine sportsmanship; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Crusaders football team on its outstanding season and extend congratulations to the coaches and players on winning the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III national championship; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the team as an expression of high regard 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 January 30, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate