

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

September 9, 2014

Members, Board of Regents
The Texas A&M University System

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring the Women's Track and Field Team and the Men's Track and Field Team

I respectfully request the Board of Regents' approval of the following resolution honoring the Texas A&M University Women's Track and Field Team and the Texas A&M University Men's Track and Field Team.

“WHEREAS, the Texas A&M University Women's Track and Field Team distinguished themselves by winning the 2014 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Outdoor Championships; and the Texas A&M University Men's Track and Field Team claimed the 2014 Southeastern Conference (SEC) Outdoor Championship and finished third at the NCAA Championships; and

WHEREAS, the title for the Texas A&M University Women's Team served as the fourth national title in the past six years, while the Texas A&M University Men's Team recorded a top three NCAA finish for the sixth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M University Men's Team also claimed the team title at the SEC Outdoor Championships, earning the program's fifth outdoor conference over the past four years; and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M University Women's Team had three NCAA national champions in individual events with Kamaria Brown (200 meters), Shamier Little (400 hurdles) and Shelbi Vaughan (discus); and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M University Women's 4-by-100 Relay Team won a sixth NCAA title over the past eight years, and recorded the top collegiate performance of the season with a time of 42.80 seconds; and

WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University Men's Team had an NCAA national champion in an individual event with Deon Lendore (400 meters); and

WHEREAS, The Texas A&M University Men's 4-by-400 Relay Team won its fourth NCAA title in program history, and recorded the second fastest time ever by a collegiate team with a 2:59.60, just 0.01 from the collegiate record; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Pat Henry is to be highly commended for providing outstanding leadership in guiding the teams to championships and national recognition, and collecting his fourth women's title and eighth overall while at Texas A&M University, and now has 35 NCAA championships in his career; and

WHEREAS, Coach Henry was named the Women's NCAA Coach of the Year, Men's SEC Coach of the Year by his peers, as well as the Men's South Central Region Head Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, 16 Texas A&M University athletes were honored with 28 All-America First-Team honors from NCAA Championship performances, as well as 12 athletes earning 14 All-America Second-Team honors; and

WHEREAS, the Women's team members competing at the NCAA Championships included Janeil Bellille, Aaliyah Brown, Kamaria Brown, Olivia Ekponé, Brea Garrett, Jena Hemann, Shamier Little, Jennifer Madu, Ibukun Mayungbe, LaQue Moen-Davis, Ashton Purvis, Shelbi Vaughan; and

WHEREAS, the Men's team members competing at the NCAA Championships included Olabanji Asekun, Aldrich Bailey, Jr., Devin Bogert, Michael Bryan, Gregory Coleman, Wayne Davis II, Prezel Hardy, Jr., Devion Harris, Shavez Hart, Hector Hernandez, Deon Lendore, Carlyle Roudette, Casey Strong, Bralon Taplin, Chase Wolfle; and

WHEREAS, Coach Henry received valuable support from Assistant Coaches Vince Anderson, Alleyne Francique, Juan De La Garza, Kris Grimes, and Wendel McRaven, as well as Director of Athletics Eric Hyman; and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M University Track and Field support staff composed of Director of Operations Jeremy Kenny, volunteer assistant coaching staff including Noah Bryant, Ariana Ince, Andra Manson, Alex Simko and Erin Simmons, along with support staff including Raymond Harrison, Cathy Capps, Chris Barttelbort, Jewel May, Shawn Price, Saul Luna, Vincent Henderson, Allen Kinley, Vern Banks, Erin Jones, Clint Netherland, Jessie Cutler, Matthew Luna, Ryan Tovar, Lauren Atkinson, Madison McBride, Hope Vasquez, Matthew Walker, Brian Jones and Zakary Adams who provided valuable support; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, desire to express hearty congratulations to Head Coach Pat Henry and to everyone associated with the Texas A&M University Women's and Texas A&M University Men's Track and Field Programs for their contributions to Texas A&M University; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System, and be presented to Coach Henry, to the assistant coaches and support staff, and to each member of the team, and to the Archives of Texas A&M University, as a permanent mark of this Board's appreciation and gratitude to all these individuals for a job well done.

ADOPTED, this 6th day of November 2014."

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mark A. Hussey
Interim President

Approval Recommended:

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John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

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Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

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Billy Hamilton
Executive Vice Chancellor and
Chief Financial Officer