

Agenda Item No.

THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Office of the Chancellor

December 11, 2012

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

Subject: Adoption of a Resolution Honoring Texas A&M University Head Football Coach Kevin Sumlin for His Leadership and the Texas A&M Football Coaching Staff and Players for Their Performance during the 2012 Football Season

I respectfully request the Board of Regents' approval of the following resolution honoring Coach Kevin Sumlin and the Texas A&M Football Coaching Staff and Players.

“WHEREAS, Kevin Sumlin led the Texas A&M Football Team into the inaugural season in the Southeastern Conference and a 10-2 record, the first 10-win season since 1998 and the 12th in program history, and the most wins compiled by a first-year Texas A&M head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Sumlin was named Coach of the Year by the Rotary Lombardi Committee, shares SEC Coach of the Year with Florida's head coach, and was selected as a finalist for the 2012 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year award by the Football Writers Association of America; and

WHEREAS, first-year assistant coach Kliff Kingsbury was selected as Offensive Coordinator of the Year by FootballScoop.com and was a finalist for the Broyles Award for assistant coach of the year; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M quarterback “Johnny Football” Manziel was selected as the 78th winner of the Heisman Memorial Trophy as the Outstanding College Football Player in the United States for 2012, is the first freshman to win the award and is the second winner from Texas A&M; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manziel also received recognition as the SEC's Freshman of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year, the first freshman to win that award since 1980, and was awarded the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manziel set a new SEC record with 4,600 yards of total offense; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M offensive tackle Luke Joeckel was named the 67th winner of the Outland Trophy, the first finalist and winner from Texas A&M, and was awarded the Jacobs Blocking Trophy as the top blocker in the SEC; and

WHEREAS, Texas A&M defensive end Damontre Moore was selected as a finalist for the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Moore, Mr. Manziel, and Mr. Joeckel were selected by the Walter Camp Football Foundation to the 2012 Walter Camp All-American First Team, and offensive tackle Jake Matthews was selected for Second Team; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joeckel and Mr. Moore were selected to the 2012 All-American team by the American Football Coaches Association; and

WHEREAS, Mike Evans, Trey Williams, and Mr. Manziel earned spots on the 2012 Freshman All-Southeastern Conference; and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Texas A&M Football Team is ranked 9th in the Bowl Championship Series, 9th in the *USA Today* Coaches Poll and 10th in the *Associated Press* Top 25 Poll; and

WHEREAS, the Texas A&M Football Team scored 537 points, rushed for 2,821 yards, and passed for 3,807 yards; and

WHEREAS, other members of the Texas A&M Football Team also displayed a high dedication and proficiency and spent countless hours in training, including: De’Vante Harris, Ben Malena, Steven Campbell, Jameill Showers, Toney Hurd, Jr., Brandal Jackson, Kenric McNeal, Matt Davis, Desmond Gardiner, Tramain Jacobs, Uzoma Nwachukwu, Thomas Johnson, Nate Askew, Sean Porter, LeKendrick Williams, Jonathan Stewart, Derel Walker, Conner McQueen, Floyd Raven, Sr., Travis Labhart, Kenneth Marshall, Matt Joeckel, Joshua Stump, Edward Pope, Matt Fritsche, Michael Lamothe, C.J. Jones, Tra Carson, Steven Terrell, Dustin Harris, Sabian Holmes, Domonique Patterson, Taylor Bertolet, Clay Honeycutt, Ryan Swope, Devonta Burns, Sam Giamfortone, Brice Dolezal, Michael Osadebey, Brandon Williams, D’Cardio Cottonham, Deshazor Everett, Johntel Franklin, Howard Matthews, Seth Wicks, Rylan Riney, Christine Michael, Michael Richardson, Jordan Richmond, Tyrell Taylor, Matt Wilkins, Donnie Baggs, Davis Plowman, Garrett Graham, Drew Kaser, Marvin Taylor, Seth Hiddink, Shaun Ward, Brandon Alexander, Kirby Ennis, Justin Bass, Sam Moeller, Steven Jenkins, Jake Russell, Daniel Inglett, Ryan Epperson, Josh Lambo, Taylor Martinez, Justin Ortega, Tyrone Taylor, Jarvis Harrison, Caden Smith, Alonzo Williams, Mike Matthews, Dylan Guthrie, Alvin Munrose, Cody Johnson, Allen Woodum, Nathan Gutekunst, Patrick Lewis, Nick Brown, Jonathan Puffer, John-Albert Arechiga, Tyler Godwin, Ben Compton, Cedric Ogbuehi, Kimo Tipoti, Gavin Stansbury, Rhontae Scales, Germain Ifedi, Jake Matthews, Shep Klinke, Garrett Gramling, Joseph Cheek, Nehemiah Hicks, Boone Niederhofer, Colton Beardmore, Malcome Kennedy, Kyle Aubuchon, Caleb Little, Gaston Lamascus, Ivan Robinson, Polo Manukainiu, Jonathan Mathis, Julien Obioha, Shayvion Hatten, and Spencer Nealy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System desires to express its appreciation for the outstanding leadership shown by Coach Kevin Sumlin, and the Texas A&M Football Coaching Staff, and the performance of the Texas A&M Football Team during the 2012 college football season; and, be it, further

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RESOLVED, that this resolution be included in the minutes, and copies thereof be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Regents, be presented to Coach Sumlin, to the coaching staff and other staff members, 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 11th day of December 2012.”

Respectfully submitted,

John Sharp
Chancellor

Approved for Legal Sufficiency:

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel