

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**S.R. NO. 39-12
IN THE SENATE**

03 FEBRUARY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tualo Manaia E. Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

COMMENDING BENJAMIN LANGFORD FOR OUSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN COACHING COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SUMMARY:

This resolution commends Benjamin Langford for his outstanding achievement in coaching College Football at New Mexico Highland University.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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4 "A SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING BENJAMIN LANGFORD FOR
5 HIS OUSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOOTBALL RESULTING IN
6 BEING NAMED THE LINEBACKERS FOOTBALL COACH/CO-SPECIAL
7 TEAMS COORDINATOR FOR NEW MEXICO HIGHLAND UNIVERSITY IN
8 NEW MEXICO"

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10 WHEREAS, Benjamin Langford, son of Dave and Evelyn Vaitautolu Langford,
11 from the villages of Ottoville Tafuna, Manu'a, and Fagatogo, is a
12 2011 graduate of KananaFou High School. It is where he realized his
13 love for the sport of football; and
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15 WHEREAS, Ben started his collegiate football career at New Mexico Military
16 Institute before moving on to Eastern New Mexico University. He
17 was a two-time second-team All-Lone Star Conference honoree and
18 named a preseason All-American in 2014. He served as a graduate
19 assistant for two years and as a full-time coach from 2018-2019 for a
20 season for the Eastern New Mexico University football program.
21 With the Greyhounds, he oversaw the linebackers, running backs,
22 and wide receivers. He helped the staff execute game plans, organize
23 various clinics and camps; and
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25 WHEREAS, Ben graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical
26 education from Eastern New Mexico University in 2015 and then
27 earned his master's degree in 2018; and
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1 WHEREAS, Ben then joined the United States Army from 2019-2023, where he
2 was stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During his time in the
3 armed services, he served in Poland as an Airdrop Specialist; and
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5 WHEREAS, Ben joined the New Mexico Highlands football staff in July of 2024;
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8 WHEREAS, Ben’s Samoan upbringing has played a significant role in shaping
9 his military and football coaching career. Growing up in American
10 Samoa instilled in him the values of hard work, discipline and
11 community, which are all deeply rooted in the Samoan culture. Ben
12 continues to draw on these values, fostering a sense of unity and
13 resilience within his team; and
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15 WHEREAS, Ben is a beacon of inspiration for young Samoan me, exemplifying
16 how dedication, hard work and adherence to cultural values can lead
17 to extraordinary achievements. Ben’s journey from his humble
18 beginnings in American Samoa to a respected military veteran and
19 now a college football coach is a testament to his unwavering
20 commitment and determination. He serves as a role model and a
21 powerful reminder that with the right mindset and values, anything is
22 possible.
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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:
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27 THAT, Benjamin Langford is hereby commended for his exceptional
28 accomplishments, dedication, and contributions to the sport of college football;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of Senate, the Honorable
2 Tuaolo M. Fruean, or his authorized representative, is respectfully requested to
3 present this Senate to Mr. Benjamin Langfordas a token of our esteem and with
4 sincere appreciation for his outstanding efforts and achievements.

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