

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON, JACKSON, BAGNERIS, BOUIE, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GLOVER, HALL, JIMMY HARRIS, HUNTER, JAMES, JENKINS, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, NORTON, PIERRE, PRICE, AND SMITH AND SENATORS BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, COLOMB, MORRELL, PETERSON, AND TARVER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Broderick Fobbs for his outstanding accomplishments as head coach of the Grambling State University (GSU) football team, to commend him on another historic season of Tiger football, to commend him for being selected 2016 Football Coach of the Year for the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC), and to commend him for being selected the 2016 Sheridan Broadcasting Networks (SBN) Sports Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, Coach Fobbs has engineered a resurgence of one of the greatest football programs in the history of historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) athletics, and it is appropriate to commend and celebrate this beloved coach who is a widely respected and admired resident of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fobbs earned all-state and all-district honors in football and baseball as a student athlete at Carroll High School in Monroe and was twice selected as team captain of the football team under legendary GSU head football Coach Eddie Robinson; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 football season was one of the Tigers' best in school history, the team finished with a 11-1 overall record, ending the season as 2016 SWAC Football champions and the HBCU National Football champions with their 10-9 victory over North Carolina Central University Eagles in the 2016 Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl; and

WHEREAS, this marks the 24th SWAC Football championship in school history and the 15th HBCU National Football championship in school history; and

WHEREAS, under the three-year leadership of Coach Fobbs, Grambling has posted a 28-9 overall record and an impressive 25-2 record in conference play; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 2016 football season, Coach Fobbs was selected as the 2016 SWAC Football Coach of the Year and the 2016 SBN Sports Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Coach Fobbs for his outstanding achievements, dedication, and contributions to Grambling State University and the Grambling community, to express gratitude for his monumental achievements in bringing about the resurgence of the GSU football team, and to extend appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to Grambling State University and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Coach Broderick Fobbs for his success and triumph in coaching the great sport of football, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments, and does extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness at the helm of GSU Tiger football.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Broderick Fobbs, head coach of the Grambling State University football program.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES