

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend posthumously Raymond Ernest Didier on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talents worthy of being named to the hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Coach Raymond Ernest Didier; and

WHEREAS, he was born in Marksville, Louisiana, on January 7, 1920, and began his coaching career at what was then Southwestern Louisiana Institute (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1948 and during his nine seasons leading the team, earned five Gulf State Conference baseball championships; and

WHEREAS, he also coached football for six seasons at the Southwestern Louisiana Institute and steered the team to a league title; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, Coach Didier moved to Louisiana State University to coach the baseball team, and during his tenure, the Tigers maintained a 104-79 record and won the 1961 Southeastern Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, while at LSU he enlisted his talents and skills as an assistant coach to Paul Dietzel to help steer the football team to the 1958 National Collegiate Athletic Association National Championship; and

WHEREAS, in 1963 he was hired on as the Nicholls State University baseball coach and led the team to 217 victories in seven seasons; and

WHEREAS, he retired from coaching after the 1971 season with an overall 458-311-3 baseball record and remained on as athletic director at Nicholls State University until his passing on March 9, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the successful coaching career of Raymond Ernest Didier has rightly earned him a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend posthumously Raymond Ernest Didier on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Raymond Ernest Didier.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES