

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY SENATOR HEWITT

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Charlie "Coach" Bowman for his service with St. Tammany Parish School Board and to the community.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Charlie "Coach" Bowman for his service with the St. Tammany Parish School  
3 Board and to the community.

4 WHEREAS, Charlie Bowman attended Peabody High School in Alexandria,  
5 Louisiana, graduating in 1969 and was captain of the boys' basketball and track teams; he  
6 attended Grambling State University from 1969 to 1973, graduated with honors, and  
7 received a bachelor of art's degree in education; he is twelve hours shy of receiving his  
8 masters degree; and

9 WHEREAS, he is a retired art teacher, coach, and athletic director of thirty-nine  
10 years of service at Pearl River High School in St. Tammany Parish; and

11 WHEREAS, Charlie Bowman is a member, trustee, and chairman of the Deacon  
12 Ministry of Greater North Shore Full Gospel Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop  
13 Robert J. Taylor and the former state director of Deacons for the Full Gospel Fellowship of  
14 Louisiana; in 2017 he received the Ministerial Alliance of Greater St. Tammany Outstanding  
15 Community and Service Award and he received the Greater North Shore Full Gospel Baptist  
16 Church's 1st Pacesetter for the Millennium Man of the Year; and

17 WHEREAS, Charlie "Coach" Bowman is the founder and director of the Greater  
18 North Shore's Summer Rest Camp (an educational camp for children in the summer); for

1 fifteen years, he organized and was the director of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes at  
2 Pearl River High School; he created and is the Overseer of Greater North Shore's  
3 Community Outreach Program, "Fitness and Movement", and Open Court Basketball; and  
4 he piloted and contributed to establishing The Fine Art Survey Program in St. Tammany  
5 Parish Schools and the state of Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, for 1968 to 1978, he received the award for Pearl River High School's  
7 "Teacher of the Decade"; in 1978, 1983, 1996, and 2006 he was Pearl River High School's,  
8 "Teacher of the Year"; in 1986 and 1989, he was runner up as "Teacher of the Year"; in  
9 1996, he was named "St. Tammany Elf Teacher of the Year"; and, in 2006, he was "VFW  
10 Teacher of the Year" for St. Tammany Parish and a Region and State finalist; and

11 WHEREAS, from 1970 to 2010, Coach served the longest and was the only African  
12 American Athletic Director in St. Tammany Parish; he also had the longest tenure as an  
13 African American "Head Coach" in St. Tammany Parish, thirty-five years; during his years  
14 at Pearl River High School, he was the head coach of track and field, cross country,  
15 basketball, and tennis; and 1982, 1995, 2001, and 2002, he was the "District Coach of the  
16 Year" in Track and Cross Country and state runner up in 2002; and

17 WHEREAS, Charlie "Coach" Bowman has been married to Mary Graham Bowman  
18 for thirty-one years, he is the father and stepfather to five children: Christy, Chad, Greg,  
19 Lonnie, and Michell, and is the proud grandfather and great-grandfather of fourteen; and

20 WHEREAS, Charlie "Coach" Bowman was and is an inspiration to so many children  
21 and generations; and

22 WHEREAS, during a full and productive lifetime, he has demonstrated, in countless  
23 ways, his dedication to the welfare of others and has earned the respect and affection of all  
24 who know him.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby commend Charlie "Coach" Bowman for his service with the St. Tammany  
27 Parish School Board and to the community, does hereby record his outstanding contribution  
28 of time and talent and for his hard work, dedication, and continuous commitment, and does  
29 hereby extend best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

