

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

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 and is twelve hours shy of receiving his
8 master's 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
16 Baptist 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); for fifteen years, he

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

11 WHEREAS, from 1976 to 2011, Coach served the longest and was only the second
12 African American high school athletic director in St. Tammany Parish since integration; he
13 also had the longest tenure (thirty-five years) as an African American head coach in St.
14 Tammany Parish since integration; during his eleven years (1999-2012) at Pearl River High
15 School, he was the head coach of track and field, cross country, basketball, and tennis; and
16 1982, 1995, 2001, and 2002, he was the "District Coach of the Year" in track and cross
17 country and the cross country team was state runner up in 2002; and

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

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

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

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

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
2 Charlie "Coach" Bowman.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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