

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY SENATOR STINE

COMMENDATIONS. Commends McNeese University baseball coach Justin Hill on becoming the winningest coach in McNeese baseball history.

A RESOLUTION

To commend Justin Hill on becoming the winningest coach in McNeese baseball history.

WHEREAS, Justin Hill is a native of West Monroe, Louisiana, and this year became the winningest coach in McNeese baseball history; and

WHEREAS, the McNeese Cowboys have won thirty or more games in six of Hill's eight years as head coach of the McNeese baseball team, even with the 2020 season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, McNeese's thirty-win season in 2014 was the program's first in nearly five years and the Cowboys compiled seventeen conference victories, its best since 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboys picked up two wins in the 2014 Southland Conference Tournament, which was a team best since picking up two such victories in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Justin Hill became the first head coach since 1998 to win thirty or more games in his first season as the head coach and the first coach since Todd Butler (2000-2003) to win in his debut game when the team picked up a victory over Chicago State; and

WHEREAS, during the 2014 season, five school records, six National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) records, and one Southland Conference record was either tied or broken by the McNeese baseball team; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2015, with a record of thirty-two wins and twenty-five losses, the  
2 Cowboys recorded another thirty or more winning season for the seventeenth time in the  
3 program's history and the team recorded back-to-back thirty-win seasons for the first time  
4 since the 2002 and 2003 seasons; and

5           WHEREAS, with the 2015 season, Hill became only the third McNeese head coach  
6 to guide the team to back-to-back thirty-win seasons in his first two seasons and he became  
7 the second fastest coach in program history to score sixty or more wins; and

8           WHEREAS, in 2017, Hill led the Cowboys to the 2017 Southland Conference  
9 regular season title with twenty-two conference wins and eight losses, a school record for  
10 conference victories, and a final season record of thirty-seven wins and twenty losses; and

11           WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the season, Justin Hill was named the 2017  
12 Southland Conference Coach of the Year, the first in his career; and

13           WHEREAS, in the 2019 season, the Cowboys posted a record of thirty-five wins and  
14 twenty-six losses and the season included a shutout win over then nationally ranked  
15 Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge; and

16           WHEREAS, McNeese entered the 2019 Southland Conference Tournament as the  
17 fifth seed and swept through the slate with an unblemished four and zero-record to capture  
18 the team's first NCAA tournament appearance since the 2003 season; and

19           WHEREAS, the Cowboys' baseball team again won the 2021 Southland Conference  
20 Tournament with a perfect four and zero record, extending Hill's post-season conference  
21 tournament winning streak to eight games, and the team made a second consecutive NCAA  
22 tournament appearance; and

23           WHEREAS, in 2022, the McNeese Cowboys won the Southland Conference regular  
24 season championship; they finished the season with a record of thirty-four wins and twenty-  
25 two losses; and the team played in the very first Southland Conference Baseball  
26 Championship Series; and

27           WHEREAS, for the second time in his career history, Justin Hill was named the 2022  
28 Clay Gould Southland Conference Coach of the Year and became the winningest coach in  
29 the history of the McNeese baseball program.

30           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

