

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mike McConathy on being named LABC's 2023 Mr. Basketball.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mike McConathy on being named the recipient of the 2023 Mr. Basketball  
3 Award by the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches (LABC) is an  
5 esteemed organization dedicated to recognizing and promoting excellence in the sport of  
6 basketball and annually bestows the prestigious Mr. Basketball Award to an individual who  
7 has demonstrated outstanding leadership, exceptional skill, and unwavering commitment to  
8 the game; and

9 WHEREAS, in the year 2023, the LABC has bestowed the coveted Mr. Basketball  
10 Award upon a truly deserving individual, Mike McConathy, whose unparalleled dedication  
11 and contributions to basketball have earned him this prestigious honor; and

12 WHEREAS, Mike McConathy, a native of Louisiana, has long been recognized as  
13 a pillar of the basketball community within our great state; and

14 WHEREAS, known as a program builder with a Midas touch, Mike McConathy has  
15 showcased his exceptional coaching abilities throughout his illustrious career; and

16 WHEREAS, he embarked on a remarkable journey as he started the basketball  
17 program from scratch at Bossier Parish Community College, transforming it into a National  
18 Junior College Athletic Association national tournament participant; and

1           WHEREAS, his coaching tenure of twenty-three years, 1999-2022, at Northwestern  
2 State University, marked a period of extraordinary achievement, during which he amassed  
3 a state-record six hundred eighty-two victories, becoming Louisiana's leader in coaching  
4 victories; and

5           WHEREAS, Mike McConathy's tenure at Northwestern State University included  
6 numerous notable accomplishments, including guiding the Demons to three NCAA  
7 Tournaments in 2001, 2006, and 2013; and

8           WHEREAS, his exceptional coaching prowess was highlighted in the historic 2001  
9 play-in game, where the Demons secured a momentous victory over Winthrop 71-67,  
10 marking the first of its kind; and

11           WHEREAS, Mike McConathy's coaching legacy at Northwestern State University  
12 reached new heights when he and his Demons engineered one of March Madness' most  
13 memorable moments, as Jermaine Wallace's corner three-pointer sealed a remarkable 64-63  
14 upset of No. 3 seed Iowa, with the Demons rallying from a seventeen-point deficit with less  
15 than ten minutes remaining; and

16           WHEREAS, Mike McConathy's unwavering commitment to his players' academic  
17 success has also been commendable, emphasizing the importance of education and character  
18 development alongside athletic pursuits; and

19           WHEREAS, the LABC, in recognition of Mike McConathy's outstanding  
20 achievements, unwavering dedication, and profound impact on the basketball community  
21 has honored him with the 2023 Mr. Basketball Award; and

22           WHEREAS, the victory total and championship banners achieved by Mike  
23 McConathy are emblematic of his exceptional career as a collegiate head coach, spanning  
24 over three decades.

25           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Senate hereby commends  
26 Mike McConathy on being named the recipient of the 2023 Mr. Basketball Award by the  
27 Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches and extends its heartfelt congratulation on his  
28 exceptional coaching career, applauding his dedication, leadership, and significant  
29 contributions to the sport of basketball.

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

1 McConathy as an expression of the Louisiana Senate's deep admiration and appreciation for  
2 his outstanding achievements and commitment to the game of basketball.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tyler S. McCloud.

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DIGEST

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