

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Benton High School girls' basketball coach, Mary Ward, on the occasion of her retirement from coaching

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Benton High School girls' basketball coach, Mary Ward, on the occasion of
3 her retirement from coaching.

4 WHEREAS, Mary Ward's legendary basketball career began as a player at Airline
5 High School, where she led the school to a state title in 1992; she played for Baylor
6 University, setting that school's single-game scoring record with fifty-four points against the
7 University of Texas in 1994; she finished her playing career at Tulane University and was
8 recently inducted into the university's hall of fame; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Ward began her coaching career at Bossier High School, and she
10 established her coaching legacy as the head coach of Benton High School; she reached three
11 hundred career coaching victories at Benton in 2019, and she achieved her four-hundredth
12 victory in 2024; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Ward compiled an incredible career coaching record of four
14 hundred forty-two wins and two hundred fifty-six losses; she won an LHSAA Class 5A state
15 title, made five LHSAA Final Four appearances, and achieved two state runner-up finishes;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, despite Mary's retirement from coaching, she will continue teaching at
18 Benton High School; she is truly worthy of the highest recognition for her incredible
19 coaching achievements.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Benton High School girls' basketball coach,

1 Mary Ward, on the occasion of her retirement from coaching and does hereby extend
2 sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors as she begins a new
3 journey in retirement.

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