

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 288

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Benton High School girls' basketball coach, Mary Ward, on the occasion of her retirement from coaching and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that she continue to prosper in all of her endeavors as she begins a new journey in retirement.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES