

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY SENATORS GUILLORY AND CORTEZ

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Devan Clark on being the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Boys Basketball Class 4A Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Legislature and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the great honor Coach Devan Clark of Northside High School received after being named Class 4A Boys Basketball Coach of the Year, an honor he previously received in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Devan Clark, is a Baton Rouge native and former Southern Lab and Southern University player and graduate; and

WHEREAS, Coach Clark led Northside High School to a 29-8 record this year and to a Class 4A runner-up finish; and

WHEREAS, Coach Clark said that to know that people outside their program appreciate what he does as a coach means something, and he considers it a huge honor but humbly credits his team for the award; and

WHEREAS, just as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream, the Northside boys head basketball coach, Devan Clark, has a vision that one day all the Northside athletes will earn TOPS Scholarships to pay for their college education regardless of their athletic successes; and

WHEREAS, apparently this is how the disciples of Coach Joel Hawkins are taught to see the game of life through the game of basketball; and

WHEREAS, this was Clark's first of what he projects will be many opportunities of winning a state title, but his vision for success is not merely defined by winning a state championship on the court, it also encompasses producing strong confident young men who graduate from high school ready to extend their athletic and academic careers to the next levels of college, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, he seems confident in the belief that his Northside students and athletes can reach this level as they continue to learn and apply the required dedication and discipline to see all of Northside at the TOPS level; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, on the service and commitment of strong and dedicated educators, coaches and leaders like Devan Clark, who try to ignite that flame within all the students they teach and the players they coach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Devan Clark on being named Class 4A Boys Basketball Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Devan Clark.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES