

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORÉ

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Roman Banks on his outstanding accomplishments as head coach of Southern University men's basketball team

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Roman Banks, head coach of Southern University men's basketball team, on
3 his outstanding accomplishments over the past two seasons.

4 WHEREAS, Roman Banks has made tremendous strides while at the helm of
5 Southern University men's basketball program, and he merits the highest measure of
6 commendation for his achievements; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Banks was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, and was a three-time
8 all-district 2-4A selection at Captain Shreve High School, where he averaged 22.7 points and
9 7.6 assists as a senior and led the Gators to a 28-7 record; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Banks attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches,
11 Louisiana, and was the Demons' point guard in their historic upset win over the Kentucky
12 Wildcats at Rupp Arena in Lexington; and

13 WHEREAS, while at Northwestern, Coach Banks was named to the All-Southland
14 Conference second team in 1989-1990 after averaging 14.7 points and dishing out a career-
15 high 157 assists, contributed significantly to the Demons' first winning season in five years,
16 and was a major factor as the team established twenty-three school records while leading the
17 nation in team scoring, averaging 95 points per game; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Banks finished his career at Northwestern State as the school's
19 all-time leader in assists while ranking second in steals and seventh in scoring, led the
20 Demons in four categories as a senior in 1991-1992, including a 16.2 scoring average, was

1 named honorable mention All-Southland Conference, and was a third-team All-Louisiana
2 selection by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA); and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Banks started his coaching career at Shreveport's Green Oaks
4 High School before spending two years at Southern University-Shreveport as the athletic
5 director and head coach of the men's basketball team; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Banks spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Southern
7 University, where he served as the Jaguars' chief recruiter and was responsible for the
8 recruitment of two-time Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Player of the Year
9 Adarrial Smylie and Dionte Harbey, the 1997-1998 SWAC Newcomer of the Year; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Banks served as Southeastern Louisiana University men's
11 associate head basketball coach for five years, and spent a total of eight years on the
12 coaching staff, where he helped the Lions produce seven winning seasons, the most of any
13 Division I school in Louisiana, and one hundred forty wins, second only to Louisiana State
14 University's one hundred forty-four wins from 2003-2011; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Banks played a vital role in the Lions' defensive effort in 2004-
16 2005 as Southeastern finished fourth in the nation in scoring defense and produced the
17 school's first Southland Conference Tournament championship and berth in the National
18 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament; and

19 WHEREAS, since joining Southern University as the men's head coach in 2011,
20 Coach Banks has led the Jaguars to the largest win-loss turnaround in Louisiana and the third
21 largest turnaround in the NCAA and has so far amassed an astounding 40-24 overall record
22 and a 28-8 SWAC record ; and

23 WHEREAS, among his many accolades, Coach Banks was named the 2011-2012
24 LSWA Coach the Year, the 2012-2013 Co-SWAC Coach of the Year, the 2012-2013 LSWA
25 Coach of the Year, the 2012-2013 Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches (LABC)
26 Coach of the Year, the Boxtorow Division HBCU Coach of the Year, and the
27 Collegeinsider.com SWAC Coach of the Year; and

28 WHEREAS, Coach Banks is married to the former Tiffaney McCoy, and they are the
29 proud parents of two children; and

1 WHEREAS, Coach Roman Banks merits a special measure of commendation for his
2 significant contributions to the Southern University men's basketball team and for his intense
3 determination and expert guidance of the players over the past two truly remarkable seasons.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the enduring
6 appreciation of the members to head coach Roman Banks for his tireless efforts on behalf
7 of Southern University basketball over the past two seasons, and does hereby commend and
8 congratulate him for his paramount contributions to the success of the Southern University
9 basketball program, particularly during the historic 2012-2013 season.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
11 to Roman Banks, head coach of Southern University men's basketball team.

DIGEST

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