

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN AND COX

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Beryl Shipley on being named to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Beryl Shipley on being named to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame  
3 Induction Class.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and Legislature of Louisiana have  
5 learned of the prestigious honor bestowed upon Beryl Shipley on his induction in the  
6 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

7 WHEREAS, the inductees are chosen after extensive deliberations by an expert panel  
8 of Louisiana Sports Writers' Association members from across the state who annually  
9 consider more than one hundred twenty nominees for this honor; and

10 WHEREAS, Shipley guided the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL), now  
11 known as the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Ragin' Cajuns to national basketball  
12 prominence; and

13 WHEREAS, he was the Ragin' Cajuns' coach from 1957 to 1973 and his teams had  
14 a winning record of 293-126 (.699) and only one losing season in sixteen years; and

15 WHEREAS, USL finished in the national Top 20 in each of his last six seasons, the  
16 first four in the college division polls, and the last two in Division I; and

17 WHEREAS, the Ragin' Cajuns went 19-5, 20-5, 16-10, 23-3, and 23-3 in his last five  
18 seasons as head coach with stars like Hall of Fame members Bo Lamar, Roy Ebron, and  
19 Marvin Winkler on his teams; and

1           WHEREAS, the final two teams were rated in the national Top 10 and reached the  
2 NCAA Division I Tournament Sweet 16; and

3           WHEREAS, Coach Beryl Shipley was the Gulf States Conference Coach of the Year  
4 four times and Coach of the Year in the Southland Conference once; and

5           WHEREAS, he was briefly the head coach of American Basketball Association's San  
6 Diego Conquistadors; and

7           WHEREAS, Beryl Shipley is also in the Louisiana Basketball Hall of Fame; and

8           WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
9 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication  
10 of extraordinary men like Beryl Shipley who share their gifts and talents to coach and teach  
11 others that through hard work and dedication, all dreams are possible.

12           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
13 commend and congratulate Beryl Shipley on his impressive and successful basketball  
14 coaching career and on being named as an inductee to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of  
15 Fame.

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Beryl  
17 Shipley.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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DIGEST

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