

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151

BY SENATORS LONG AND GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN AND COX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES