

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

BY SENATORS PEACOCK AND BUFFINGTON

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of Captain Shreve High School coach, Richard Alan Lary.

WHEREAS, it is with deep regret and profound sorrow that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the death of Richard Alan Lary on April 25, 2015, at the age of forty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Richard Alan Lary was a native of Montgomery and graduated from Northwestern State University in 1987, with a bachelor of science degree and honor roll distinction; and

WHEREAS, he was a long-time teacher and coach in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, Richard was a student teacher at Southwood High School before becoming the football and softball coach at Woodlawn High School; and

WHEREAS, he also coached football and softball at Huntington High School and C.E. Byrd High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Richard achieved his lifelong dream of being a head coach when he was named the head football coach at Captain Shreve High School where he remained until his sudden and untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, attending Captain Shreve High School sporting events was a family affair and he was thrilled to have his oldest daughter, Ally, at the Swamp with him this year and was counting down the years until his youngest daughter, Camryn, would be able to join them; and

WHEREAS, Richard made long-lasting impressions on students and athletes by teaching them numerous life lessons on and off of the field; and

WHEREAS, he was a role model and everyone's coach even if you did not play; and

WHEREAS, Richard never met a stranger and was always joking and assigning nicknames; and

WHEREAS, Principal Sandra McCalla described him as endearing and courageous, with a go-getting attitude; and

WHEREAS, Richard was dedicated to his Captain Shreve High School family and was fond of saying, "If you opened me up and saw my heart, you'd see green and gold."; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his father, Alva Roy Lary; his sister, Martha Lynn Lary; and mother-in-law, Ann Booty; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becky" Booty Lary; daughters, Ally Grace and Camryn Sloan; his mother, Joann Lary; his father-in-law, Ronnie Booty; sisters-in-law, Leigh Woodruff and Lesley Amos; nieces and nephews, Abby and Jaci Woodruff, and Reagan and David Amos; and

WHEREAS, the death of Richard Alan Lary has left a great void in his community and created a genuine sense of sorrow in all who knew him, particularly those he coached and those who love high school football and softball, all of whom mourn the loss of this wonderful man; and

WHEREAS, Richard Alan Lary leaves behind a rich legacy in high school football and softball and will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives he touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express sincere and heartfelt condolences upon the death of Captain Shreve High School coach, Richard Alan Lary, and does hereby record for posterity the enduring appreciation of the citizens of Louisiana for his outstanding contributions and achievements in the areas of high school football and softball.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Richard Alan Lary.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE