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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

COMMENDATIONS: Commends LeeDell Woods, Jr., upon his induction into the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend LeeDell Woods, Jr., upon his induction into the Southern University Sports
3	Hall of Fame.
4	WHEREAS, on November 7, 2014, LeeDell Woods, Jr., was inducted into the
5	Southern University Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of his talent and star performance
6	as a member of the Southern University basketball team; and
7	WHEREAS, a resident of Port Allen, Mr. Woods was a member of the Jaguar
8	basketball team from 1972 to 1975; and
9	WHEREAS, Mr. Woods began his sports career at Cohn High School, where he was
10	a member of the football team, basketball team, and track team; he was voted most valuable
11	player in basketball and most improved player in football; throughout his sports career at
12	Cohn High School, Mr. Woods scored over nine hundred points; and
13	WHEREAS, in 1969, Mr. Woods transferred to Port Allen High School where he
14	played and lettered in three sports; although he was voted "All District" in all of the sports
15	he participated in, he excelled in basketball and received most valuable player while securing
16	a spot on the state and district teams; as an exceptional athlete at Port Allen High School,
17	he scored eight hundred twenty-eight points; and
18	WHEREAS, upon his high school graduation, Mr. Woods began playing basketball
19	at the collegiate level; from 1972 until 1975, he was the leading scorer for the Southern
20	University basketball team; and

1	WHEREAS, Mr. Woods enjoyed many honors and accolades, including being chosen
2	as most valuable player in 1975, most outstanding player from 1974 to 1975, outstanding
3	player chosen by the student government in 1973, and outstanding athlete in 1972; and
4	WHEREAS, he graduated from Southern University with a bachelor of science
5	degree and a masters degree in recreation administration; and
6	WHEREAS, for twenty-four years, Mr. Woods worked for the West Baton Rouge
7	Parish Parks & Recreation Department; and
8	WHEREAS, after his retirement from the West Baton Rouge Parish Parks &
9	Recreation Department, he continued a fulfilling career as director of recreation at the
10	Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired; and
11	WHEREAS, while working for the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired for
12	twenty-five years, Mr. Woods received the coach of the year award and was awarded keys
13	to the cities of Port Arthur, Texas, Jackson, Mississippi, and Grand Isle, Louisiana; he also
14	had the honor of coaching the only known blind biking team in the nation, and his team of
15	blind bikers rode over two thousand five hundred miles, completing their seven planned
16	biking trips through five states; and
17	WHEREAS, his work extended to Würzburg, Germany, where he shared successful
18	teaching techniques to faculty, staff, and students; while working in Germany, he was made
19	an honorary citizen; and
20	WHEREAS, Mr. Woods also served as a certified state instructor and professional
21	motor coach trainer for motor coaches and buses, and he has trained over five hundred eighty
22	students in the classroom and behind the wheel; and
23	WHEREAS, throughout his twenty-four years of service with West Baton Rouge
24	Parish, Mr. Woods served thousands of children, seniors, and adults; and
25	WHEREAS, his passion for sports led him to direct the National Hershey Track and
26	Field Program; he was appointed as a national coach and listed in the Hershey Track and
27	Field Hall of Fame; and
28	WHEREAS, having a heart for his community, Mr. Woods began several day camps,
29	aerobic fitness classes, pool tournaments, and horseshoe tournaments in West Baton Rouge
30	Parish; and

1	WHEREAS, Mr. Woods was awarded a land and water conservation grant for West
2	Baton Rouge Parish to help form various developments such as Joe Myhand Park, Landen
3	Alexander Park, Lukeville Park, Tombstone Park, Brusly High School baseball fields and
4	tennis courts, Brusly Middle School tennis courts, Rivault Park, and William and Lee Park;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary community efforts, he was awarded
7	honorary citizenship from the cities of Plaquemine and St. Gabriel; and
8	WHEREAS, in addition to his many other outstanding achievements, Mr. Woods
9	received the highest awards presented by the Louisiana Recreation and Park Association and
10	the National Recreation and Park Association, such as the Fellow Award and Professional
11	Citation recognition; he has also served as president of the Louisiana Recreation and Park
12	Association and president of the National Recreation and Park Association; and
13	WHEREAS, he is the loving husband of Sadie Payne Woods and the proud father of
14	Stacey A. Woods; and
15	WHEREAS, Mr. Woods merits a sincere measure of commendation for his
16	distinguished career as a basketball star at Southern University, for the outstanding honor
17	of being inducted into the Southern University Sports Hall of Fame, and for his
18	extraordinary community service.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20	commend LeeDell Woods, Jr., upon his induction into Southern University Sports Hall of
21	Fame; does hereby congratulate Mr. Woods as he celebrates this memorable and historic
22	occasion; and does hereby extend to him every good wish for success and happiness in all
23	his future endeavors.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
25	to LeeDell Woods, Jr.

## **DIGEST**

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