

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

A RESOLUTION

To commend thirteen-time Bassmaster Classic qualifier Greg Hackney of Gonzales.

WHEREAS, in fifteen years of his professional sports fishing career, Greg Hackney has qualified thirteen times for the Bassmaster Classic sports fishing event, is among the most decorated bass fishermen in the country, and qualified for and competed in this year's forty-sixth Bassmaster Classic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hackney was the lone qualifier from Louisiana of fifty-five competitors in this year's Bassmaster Classic, and he graduated from a six-pound catch to a sixteen-pound, two-ounce total to give him a legitimate shot at the title; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hackney faced chilly temperatures and the cold, muddy water of Tulsa's Grand Lake O' The Cherokees, the venue of the 2016 Bassmaster Classic; however, he competed at the highest level and finished tenth among the nation's best bass fishermen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hackney earned the 2014 title of B.A.S.S. Angler of the Year, was the 2009 Forrest L. Wood (FLW) Cup champion, was named FLW Angler of the Year in 2005, and won the title of B.A.S.S. Rookie of the Year in 2004; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Greg Hackney won the Fishing League Worldwide championship and is currently ranked seventh best fisherman in the world; and

WHEREAS, at St. Johns River in Palatka, Florida, Mr. Hackney finished in second place at the 2016 Bassmaster Elite Series; and

WHEREAS, Greg Hackney's wife, Julie, and their children, Andrew, Luke, Hannah, and Sarah, contribute moral support to Mr. Hackney's fishing achievements and are proud of his successes, and it is fitting to herald his sportsmanship and expertise in the world of competitive sports fishing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Greg Hackney for his accomplishments in the world of sports bass fishing and does hereby extend best wishes in all of his future competitive endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Greg Hackney.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES