

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVES COUSSAN AND BISHOP

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Coach Jim Hightower upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Coach Jim Hightower on his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame
3 and his outstanding athletic career as head coach of the St. Thomas More Catholic
4 High School football team in Lafayette, Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Coach Jim Hightower upon his induction
6 into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and on his outstanding athletic career; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Hightower was born on December 29, 1948, in Alhambra,
8 California; and

9 WHEREAS, upon graduating from South Pasadena High School, Coach Hightower
10 received a football scholarship from the University of California, Davis, where he earned his
11 bachelor's degree; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Hightower subsequently earned his master's degree from
13 Louisiana State University, where he worked as a graduate assistant; and

14 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career as head football coach and baseball
15 coach at Catholic High of Pointe Coupee, leading their football team and baseball team to
16 state championship wins in 1978 and 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, Coach Hightower has spent the last three decades of his career as head
18 coach of the St. Thomas More Catholic High School football team; and

19 WHEREAS, during his tenure at St. Thomas More, he has lead the football team in
20 twenty-seven consecutive playoff appearances and thirteen district championships; and

1 WHEREAS, on December 2, 2016, Coach Hightower lead the St. Thomas More
2 Catholic High School football team to win the first Division II state championship in the
3 school's history; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach Hightower is recognized as the eighteenth winningest active high
5 school football coach in the nation and the second winningest active high school football
6 coach in the history of Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 25, 2016, Jim Hightower was inducted into the
8 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and was
10 intended, in the words of Otis Harris, sports editor of the *Shreveport Journal*, to be "the
11 Louisiana Hall of Fame – a hall of fame for the state's greatest athletes, men or women,
12 amateur or professional, living or dead"; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Hightower is respected and admired for the wonderful guidance
14 he gives to his athletes both on and off the field, as he challenges them to succeed not only
15 as athletes but as well-rounded human beings; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Hightower merits a special measure of commendation for his
17 highly significant achievements.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 commend Coach Jim Hightower on his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and
20 on his outstanding athletic career as head football coach at St. Thomas More Catholic High
21 School.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
23 to Coach Jim Hightower.

DIGEST

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