

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 192

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUVAL, CARPENTER, DUSTIN MILLER, JAMES, SMITH,
MARCELLE, JORDAN, PIERRE, AND TERRY BROWN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Roger Cador for his outstanding leadership as the head coach of Southern University's baseball team and to commend him upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, Coach Cador had a successful coaching career with thirty-three years of experience in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) and numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cador, who played collegiate baseball for Southern University and the Atlanta Braves, returned to Southern University to serve as the assistant baseball and basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cador built the Southern University Jaguar baseball team into one of the most well-respected and successful baseball programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cador leaves Southern University as one of the winningest coaches in NCAA history, with a record of nine hundred thirteen and five hundred ninety-seven and one; and

WHEREAS, Roger Cador led the Jaguars to fourteen Southwestern Athletic Conference titles, eleven NCAA regional appearances; and twelve seasons of thirty or more wins, including three forty-win seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cador produced ten All-Americans and coached sixty-two players who were drafted, including Golden Spikes Award winner Rickie Weeks with the second overall pick in 2003; and

WHEREAS, he holds the distinction of being the first coach of a historically black university to win a game in the NCAA tournament, upsetting Cal State Fullerton in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cador will remain with the Jaguars as director of athletic advancement, a newly created position that allows Coach Cador to fund-raise and market to assist in the growth of Southern University Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Roger Cador is an ambassador to the sport of baseball around the world and will lead an envoy into Central America as a part of the Major League Baseball's efforts to help grow the sport; and

WHEREAS, when asked what his greatest accomplishment would be, the Southern University Athletic Hall of Fame member states: "... it is the approximate eighty percent graduation rate. It is the people I have been able to help and grow with. I receive a tremendous amount of satisfaction in helping a young man grow from adolescence to manhood and accomplish his goals. They revitalize me with the courage and effort they put forth. After four or five years the end product makes it all worth while"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend and celebrate this beloved coach who is widely respected and had one of the most influential careers in the sport of baseball.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and salute Coach Roger Cador upon his retirement after leading Southern University's baseball program for thirty-three years; does hereby commend his dedication to his student-athletes, Southern University baseball, and the sport of baseball; and does hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Roger Cador.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES