

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Marie Charmaine Ford, head coach of the Northside High School Mighty Vikings volleyball team, on her retirement.

WHEREAS, Coach Ford has been one of Louisiana's top high school volleyball coaches over the past 19 years; and

WHEREAS, she spent 29 years as an Adaptive Physical Education teacher in the Lafayette Parish School System, 27 years coaching at the high school and middle school level, 19 years as the head volleyball coach and 17 years as the assistant softball coach of the Northside High School Mighty Vikings; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ford led the Mighty Vikings volleyball team to 17 years in the playoffs including three district playoff appearances, five district third-place finishes, four district runner-up finishes, one district championship, two regional finalist finishes, and two quarterfinals appearances as head coach; and

WHEREAS, after completing the 2017-2018 school year, Coach Ford will pursue her favorite hobbies of gardening, home remodeling projects, spending time with family, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ford has proven herself to be a leader of the highest caliber, a force who motivates, nurtures, and molds young athletes, mostly from at-risk backgrounds, into standout college athletes who have gone on to become productive citizens of society; and

WHEREAS, Coach Marie Charmaine Ford shall remain a lasting figure in Northside High School athletics, her community, and the state of Louisiana for many years to come.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Marie Charmaine Ford, head volleyball coach of the Northside High School Mighty Vikings, on her impressive career and does hereby congratulate her on her retirement.

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**ENROLLED**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
Coach Marie Charmaine Ford.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE