

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR CATHEY

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to name the basketball court in the PMAC after Coach Dale Brown.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the LSU Board of Supervisors to solely name the basketball court at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center after legendary men's head basketball coach, Dale Brown.

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University (LSU) has fielded collegiate basketball teams for one hundred thirteen seasons; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three men have lead the Tigers on the court in that time as men's head basketball coach, with only seven of these men leading the team to the NCAA Tournament, also known as March Madness; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Coach Dale Brown arrived in Baton Rouge, taking over a perennially losing basketball team that had only achieved four winning seasons in the previous eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Brown became one of those seven coaches, leading thirteen teams to the NCAA Tournament, nine more than the closest LSU men's head basketball coach; and

WHEREAS, one hundred fifteen of one hundred sixty of Coach Brown's players received their college degrees; and

WHEREAS, Coach Brown is the only SEC coach to have ever appeared in fifteen

1 straight national tournaments (NCAA and NIT); and

2 WHEREAS, only eleven coaches in NCAA history have made more consecutive
3 NCAA appearances than Coach Brown's ten; and

4 WHEREAS, only the legendary Adolph Rupp of Kentucky won more games in SEC
5 history; additionally, Brown and Rupp are the only SEC coaches to have seventeen
6 consecutive non-losing seasons. Only four coaches in the SEC have won more conference
7 championships: Adolph Rupp, Joe Hall, Tubby Smith, and Billy Donovan; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Dale Brown was selected as the SEC Coach of the Year or
9 Runner-Up nine times; and

10 WHEREAS, he was twice chosen as the National Coach of the Year; and

11 WHEREAS, he is a member of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, the North Dakota
12 Sports Hall of Fame, the Minot State University Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Basketball
13 Coaches Hall of Fame, the LSU Sports Hall of Fame, and the National Collegiate Basketball
14 Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, he was named a SEC Living Legend; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2010, *Tiger Rag*, the bible of LSU sports, ranked Coach Brown in
17 the top five of the most influential people in LSU athletics history; and

18 WHEREAS, he was selected by *Bleacher Report* as one of the fifty greatest
19 basketball coaches in college basketball history; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Brown holds the following LSU basketball records:

21 Most overall wins: Four hundred forty-eight

22 Most SEC wins: Two hundred thirty-eight

23 Most wins in a season: Thirty-one

24 Most consecutive wins in a season: Twenty-six

25 Most consecutive SEC wins in a season: Seventeen

26 Most consecutive non-losing seasons: Seventeen

27 Most SEC regular season championships: Four

28 SEC tournament championship: 1980

29 Most NCAA tournament appearances: Thirteen (of LSU's twenty-two total)

30 Most consecutive national tournaments: Fifteen (of LSU's twenty-five total, SEC

1 record)

2 Most Final Four appearances: Two (of LSU's four total)

3 Most Elite Eight appearances: Four (of LSU's six total)

4 Highest finish in the polls: Second in 1980 and third in 1981; and

5 WHEREAS, Georgia Institute of Technology named their basketball court after
6 Coach Bobby Cremins for leading their team to one Final Four; and

7 WHEREAS, University of Illinois named their basketball court after Coach Lou
8 Henson for leading their team to one Final Four; and

9 WHEREAS, Purdue University named their basketball court after Coach Gene Keady
10 who led their team to zero Final Fours; and

11 WHEREAS, St. John's University named their basketball arena and court after Coach
12 Lou Carnesecca for leading their team to one Final Four; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Brown has dedicated his post-basketball life to a career focused
14 on teaching leadership and motivational skills to leaders of the future, not just in Louisiana,
15 but around the world; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Brown continues to support Louisiana State University with his
17 time and efforts and makes his home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where his exemplary
18 accomplishments would never have been achieved without the tireless support of his loving
19 wife Vonnie.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 urge and request the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to solely name the
22 basketball court at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center after legendary men's basketball
23 coach, Dale Brown.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
25 Coach Dale Brown and the chair of the LSU Board of Supervisors.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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