

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mackie Freeze, an outstanding baseball player and high school football coach, upon being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Mackie Freeze, a native Louisianian and outstanding baseball  
3 player and high school football coach, on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports  
4 Hall of Fame, and for his distinguished thirteen-year career during which he  
5 established an exemplary football program at Richwood High School.

6 WHEREAS, the son of Sterlington's Jhonnie and Mamie Freeze, Mackie became a  
7 standout pitcher at Grambling State University; and

8 WHEREAS, during his baseball career at Grambling, Freeze never lost a game on  
9 the mound and even subbed, at the baseball coach's direction, as a guard on Coach Eddie  
10 Robinson's football team; and

11 WHEREAS, while at Grambling, Freeze helped the Tigers win one-hundred twenty  
12 of one hundred thirty-seven baseball games over his final three college seasons, securing  
13 Grambling's first ever national NAIA title under the late Coach R.W.E. "Prez" Jones; and

14 WHEREAS, upon completing his eligibility as a student athlete at Grambling, the  
15 Brooklyn Dodgers signed Freeze, where he participated in training camp with Jackie  
16 Robinson, Pee Wee Reese, and Roy Campanella; and

17 WHEREAS, upon his return to Louisiana, Freeze began his high school football  
18 coaching career at Montgomery High School before becoming the head coach at Richwood

1 High School during the 1953-1954 school year; and

2 WHEREAS, the football program at the old Terzia High School, now Richwood, was  
3 the vision of then principal Mrs. Mary Francis Goins, who chose Freeze to make that vision  
4 a reality with a three hundred dollar budget; and

5 WHEREAS, through his persistence and determination, Freeze fought to create an  
6 interest in football at Richwood and in the process created a football dynasty that brought  
7 recognition and respect to Richwood's football program while competing in the Louisiana  
8 Interscholastic Athletic & Literary Organization; and

9 WHEREAS, during his first year as coach at Richwood, Freeze's players used  
10 donated equipment and uniforms from surrounding schools and posted a five win, one loss  
11 record; and

12 WHEREAS, as Freeze built his program, Richwood won its first state championship  
13 during the 1961-1962 season, winning eleven straight games; and

14 WHEREAS, the 1962-1963 and 1963-1964 seasons produced undefeated state  
15 championships for Freeze and Richwood High; and

16 WHEREAS, Freeze and his team won another state championship during the  
17 1964-1965 season, however, the high point of the season was not winning the state  
18 championship, but rather, playing the Carroll Bulldogs for the first time on the gridiron and  
19 winning by shutting out the Bulldogs twelve nothing; and

20 WHEREAS, after winning sixty-six games in a row, Freeze's winning streak came  
21 to an end during the 1965-1966 season, although his team won nine games and only lost one;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Freeze retired from coaching, to become an assistant principal, at the  
24 end of the 1966-1967 season with thirteen straight winning seasons and never having  
25 coached a losing season; winning one hundred sixteen out of one hundred thirty-nine games  
26 at Richwood; and

27 WHEREAS, under Freeze's leadership, some sixty-five southside youngsters found  
28 their way to college on athletic scholarships and eleven of his players were drafted or signed  
29 to professional football contracts; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2010, Freeze was inducted to the second ever class of the Grambling

