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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Tony Robichaux on being inducted into the 2022 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Tony Robichaux on being inducted into the 2022 class of the Louisiana Sports
3	Hall of Fame.
4	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year
5	collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of
6	sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talent worthy of being named to the Hall
7	of Fame; and
8	WHEREAS, the 2022 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Tony
9	Robichaux; and
10	WHEREAS, Tony Robichaux, who served as his own pitching coach, coached his
11	entire career at two Louisiana schools: McNeese State University from 1988 to 1994, and
12	the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL) from 1995 to 2019; and
13	WHEREAS, he is the only coach in National Collegiate Athletic Association
14	(NCAA) history to rank as the winningest career coach at two different NCAA Division I
15	schools in the same state; and
16	WHEREAS, in his eight seasons at McNeese, his alma mater, Robichaux compiled
17	the most wins of any coach in school history with two hundred sixty-three victories, an
18	average of thirty-three wins per year; and

1	WHEREAS, Robichaux was named the Southland Conference (SEC) Coach-of-the-
2	Year in 1988, his first permanent season as head coach at McNeese; and
3	WHEREAS, during his time, McNeese won its first-ever Southland Conference
4	(SLC) championship in 1988, its first SLC tournament championship in 1993, appeared in
5	two NCAA Regional Tournaments (1988 and 1993), and achieved its first-ever national
6	ranking in 1994; and
7	WHEREAS, in 1995, Robichaux assumed the helm of the ULL Ragin' Cajuns
8	baseball team and charted a course that led him to become the all-time winningest coach in
9	ULL history with nine hundred fourteen victories, nine forty-win seasons, and led the Ragin
10	Cajuns to twelve NCAA regional appearances, four super regional appearances, and the
11	2000 College World Series (CWS), at the time tying for the most wins by a first-time CWS
12	participant; and
13	WHEREAS, ULL hosted the school's first-ever NCAA baseball regional in 2000,
14	hosted NCAA baseball regionals in 2014 and 2016, and additionally in 2014, hosted ULL's
15	and the Sun Belt Conference's first super regional; and
16	WHEREAS, Robichaux's ULL baseball teams earned seven Sun Belt Conference
17	regular season titles and four Sun Belt Conference Tournament titles; and
18	WHEREAS, Robichaux coached twenty-nine All-Americans, five Academic All-
19	Americans, ninety All-Sun Belt players, fifty-five All-Louisiana players, six Sun Belt
20	Pitchers-of-the-Year, and three Louisiana Pitchers-of-the-Year; and
21	WHEREAS, during his career, Robichaux had eighty-six players chosen in the Major
22	League Baseball (MLB) draft, sixty-seven ULL players, nineteen McNeese players, and
23	includes five draftees who played at the major league level; and
24	WHEREAS, Robichaux received the American Baseball Coaches
25	Association/Diamond Sports South Central Region Coach-of-the-Year honors four times,
26	the Sun Belt Coach-of-the-Year four times, and the All-Louisiana Coach-of-the-Year six
27	times; and
28	WHEREAS, in 2015, Robichaux became the fifty-first coach in NCAA Division l
29	history to post one thousand career wins and was one of the top active NCAA Division l
30	head coaches in career victories; and

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1	WHEREAS, throughout Robichaux's tenure, the Ragin' Cajuns of ULL received
2	several national rankings including the school's first ever number one ranking in 2014, the
3	year the Ragin' Cajuns set the school record for wins; and
4	WHEREAS, Tony Robichaux was inducted into the McNeese Athletics Hall of Fame
5	in 2017 and the ULL Athletics Hall of Fame and the American Baseball Coaches
6	Association's Hall of Fame in 2021.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8	does hereby commend Tony Robichaux on being inducted into the 2022 class of the
9	Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to his
11	wife, Colleen Robichaux.

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

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