

2022 Regular Session

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 (SLC) 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 I  
29 history to post one thousand career wins and was one of the top active NCAA Division I  
30 head coaches in career victories; and

