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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY SENATOR SMITH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Lou St. Amant upon the occasion of having the University of Louisiana at Monroe's baseball field renamed in his honor as "Lou St. Amant Field".

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Lou St. Amant upon the occasion of having the University of Louisiana at
3	Monroe's baseball field renamed in his honor as "Lou St. Amant Field".
4	WHEREAS, Lou St. Amant, a Norco, Louisiana, native and Destrehan High School
5	standout played collegiately for the Louisiana State University baseball squad; and
6	WHEREAS, after injuring his pitching arm, Lou began his teaching and coaching
7	career with stops close to home at Sacred Heart School in Norco, St. Charles Boromeo in
8	Destrehan, and St. Joan of Arc School in LaPlace, before moving to Monroe in 1967 to serve
9	as a graduate assistant coach at Northeast Louisiana University (NLU), now known as the
10	University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM); and
11	WHEREAS, while coaching at NLU, Lou also found time to earn his bachelor's and
12	master's degrees; and
13	WHEREAS, after his graduation in 1970, Lou returned to the high school ranks as
14	athletic director and head football coach at Lutcher High School, where he posted a 44-13
15	record, including the LHSAA Class 3A state championship in 1975, when his squad went
16	undefeated at 13-0-1; and
17	WHEREAS, when Lou returned to NLU in January of 1976, he was also an assistant
18	football coach, but dropped those duties in 1979 to devote all of his time to baseball; and

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WHEREAS, Lou's first team as the head baseball coach at NLU snapped a string of
four consecutive losing seasons; and
WHEREAS, Lou's 1983 squad was NLU's first men's program to win a Southland
Conference title, which also secured a NCAA tournament bid; and
WHEREAS, over his eighteen years as head baseball coach for NLU, Lou racked up
four hundred fourteen wins and impacted hundreds of student-athletes' lives in a positive
manner; and
WHEREAS, as the head coach, Lou played an instrumental role in the design of the
team's current ballpark and was present every day during its construction; and
WHEREAS, his wife Marilyn was a fixture at home games and enjoyed traveling and
cheering on Lou's teams; and
WHEREAS, the couple was married for fifty-eight years at the time of her passing
in July of 2020; and
WHEREAS, even in retirement, Lou continued to represent the university as the
radio color analyst for ULM football; and
WHEREAS, after having his number retired by ULM baseball and receiving the
prestigious Warhawk Ambassador Award from the ULM Foundation, it is a fitting tribute
to alumnus and coaching legend Lou St. Amant to have ULM's baseball field renamed in his
honor.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby commend Lou St. Amant upon the occasion of having the University of
Louisiana at Monroe's baseball field renamed in his honor as "Lou St. Amant Field".
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Lou St. Amant and ULM President Dr. Ronald Berry.
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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