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2024 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Frank Monica on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Frank Monica on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, talent, and accomplishment worthy of being named to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Frank Monica; and

WHEREAS, Frank Monica, a beloved figure in Louisiana sports, has dedicated over five decades to coaching football and baseball in the state; and

WHEREAS, in his illustrious career, spanning thirty seasons as a head coach at Lutcher High School, Riverside Academy, Jesuit High School, and St. Charles Catholic High School, Coach Monica has exhibited unparalleled leadership and mentorship, leaving an indelible mark on generations of athletes; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, the field at St. Charles Catholic, where Coach Monica spent a significant portion of his career, shall henceforth be known as Frank Monica Field, a fitting tribute to his enduring legacy; and

WHEREAS, Coach Monica's coaching prowess is evident in his remarkable record of 284 wins and 91 losses, making him the winningest head coach in River Parishes history; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and expertise led to state championships at Lutcher High School in 1978, Riverside Academy in 1983, and St. Charles Catholic in 2011, solidifying his reputation as one of the state's premier coaches; and

WHEREAS, in his twenty-four-year tenure at St. Charles Catholic, Coach Monica guided the Comets to twelve state semifinals appearances and six state finals berths, further cementing his status as a coaching legend; and

WHEREAS, Coach Monica's contributions extend beyond high school athletics, as evidenced by his impactful role as an assistant coach at Tulane University for twelve seasons over two stints; and

WHEREAS, Coach Monica's own athletic achievements, including serving as team captain and starting third baseman for the 1970 Nicholls State University baseball team that reached the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II College World Series championship game, reflect his passion and talent for the game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Monica's journey began at Leon Godchaux High School in Reserve, Louisiana, and continued at Nicholls State under the tutelage of Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame member Ray Didier, shaping him into the remarkable coach and leader he became.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Frank Monica on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Frank Monica.

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

DIGEST

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