

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAMBURG, BAGLEY, CREWS, HORTON, AND  
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CONDOLENCES: Expresses the condolences of the legislature on the death of former state  
representative Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state  
3 representative Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery.

4 WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Montgomery was born on July 7, 1937, and is a beloved  
5 figure in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, where he made extensive contributions to the community  
6 as an educator, coach, and public servant; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach began his professional career in education; he served as a  
8 basketball coach at Haughton High School from 1960 to 1969 and Lafayette High School  
9 from 1969 to 1970; his teams consistently reached the state playoffs, and he won two state  
10 titles and a runner-up finish during his coaching career; Coach also served as assistant  
11 principal and principal; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach transitioned into politics and was elected to represent District 9  
13 in the Louisiana House of Representatives, serving from 1988 to 2008; he was recognized  
14 as "New Legislator of the Year" by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and in 1989, the  
15 Louisiana Association of Educators named him a "Distinguished Legislator"; he also  
16 received the International Police Award in 1990; and

17 WHEREAS, over the course of his legislative career, Coach served on the House  
18 Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, House Committee on Ways and Means,  
19 House Executive Committee, Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, House Special  
20 Committee on Disaster Planning-Steering Subcommittee, Louisiana Homeland Security

1 Committee, and the House Special Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management,  
2 Recovery, and Long-Term Revitalization; he also served as the chair of the Independent  
3 Caucus and was a member of the Democratic Caucus and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

4 WHEREAS, Coach consistently supported and championed the work of House staff  
5 and served with an unwavering commitment to House Legislative Services, especially in his  
6 role as chair of the former House Legislative Services Council for sixteen of his twenty years  
7 in the House; and

8 WHEREAS, after leaving the legislature, Coach continued serving Bossier Parish as  
9 a special projects coordinator and assistant to the parish administrator from 2008 until his  
10 retirement in 2021; in recognition of his incredible service, Bossier Parish Community  
11 College named its gymnasium the Billy Montgomery Gym; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2011 and  
13 into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery was an inspiring public servant  
15 whose life and career are defined by his steadfast dedication to education, public service, and  
16 community development; he has left an indelible mark on Bossier Parish and the state of  
17 Louisiana, and while he will be deeply missed, the legacy of his love and service shall live  
18 on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and  
19 worked with him.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
21 express heartfelt condolences on the death of former state representative Billy Wayne  
22 "Coach" Montgomery; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his unmatched  
23 commitment to serving the citizens of Bossier Parish and the state of Louisiana; and does  
24 hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones find  
25 comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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