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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN, COX AND HOWARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Coach Mike McConathy for being the most winning coach in Louisiana men's collegiate basketball history.

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend and congratulate Northwestern State University Head Coach Mike McConathy 3 for being the most winning coach in Louisiana men's collegiate basketball history. 4 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana and the Legislature 5 of Louisiana have learned of the exciting news that Northwestern State University Demon 6 head basketball coach Mike McConathy has recently become the king of Louisiana men's 7 college basketball career wins; and 8 WHEREAS, Northwestern State demons basketball celebrated its centennial this 9 season, and there could not have been a more appropriate coach to be in charge this year than 10 head coach Mike McConathy who has engineered many of the greatest accomplishments in 11 the program's rich history, along with his father, uncles and sons all having their places in the Northwestern University Demon basketball lore; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 season played out just right, and then some, with one of 14 the most exciting, entertaining teams in the school's history, finishing with a 23-9 record, posting the second biggest win total ever at Northwestern, ranking among the nation's top 15 100 teams in eleven NCAA statistical categories, including second nationally in scoring 16 averaging 80 points per game and sixth in steals averaging 9.8 per game; and 17

WHEREAS, Coach Mike McConathy became the men's college basketball coach

1	with the most wins in Louisiana history with the combining of his 352 career victories at
2	Bossier Parish Community College over sixteen seasons with the 223 wins in fourteen
3	seasons at Northwestern State University, surpassing all other Louisiana collegiate
4	basketball coaches with a career high of 575 wins in thirty seasons; and
5	WHEREAS, the demons have won eighty-four percent (37-7) of their home games
6	in the last three seasons, two of the four best win totals in a season in the school's history
7	have come in the last seven years with twenty games televised nationally, and an additional
8	twenty-six regional television appearances in the last fourteen seasons at Northwestern State
9	University; and
10	WHEREAS, during his coaching career, he has not only coached these young men
11	to numerous victories on the court, he has inspired them to achieve academic success with
12	eighty-five percent of the seniors under his tutelage graduating; and
13	WHEREAS, because Coach Mike McConathy has always instilled and promoted
14	educational values in his players, their academic success has resulted in Northwestern State
15	University ranking among the state, Southland Conference, and even nationally consistently
16	as a leader in NCAA's Academic Progress Rate and in Graduation Success Rate; and
17	WHEREAS, he has seven Southland Tournament Championship game appearances
18	in fourteen years, three NCAA Tournament berths and two NCAA Tournament wins; and
19	WHEREAS, Coach Mike McConathy has been on ESPN/USA Today Coaches Top
20	25 voting panel for the last five seasons and was South Central Region coaches' advisory
21	representative for the NCAA Selection Process for the last three seasons; and
22	WHEREAS, Coach Mike McConathy was the 2012 recipient of the Guardian Game
23	Pillar Award for Education from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC)
24	which is among the most prestigious awards presented by the NABC; and
25	WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,
26	and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication
27	of great men and coaches like Coach Mike McConathy who inspire the young men they
28	coach to strive to be best both on and off the court.
29	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30	honor, acknowledge, commend and congratulate Coach Mike McConathy for being the most

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- winning coach in Louisiana men's collegiate basketball history.
- 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Coach
- 3 Mike McConathy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

## **DIGEST**

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Commends and congratulates Northwestern State University head basketball coach Mike McConathy for being the most winning coach in Louisiana men's collegiate basketball history.