

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Northwestern State University head basketball coach Mike McConathy on another stellar season of Demon basketball

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mike McConathy for his outstanding accomplishments as head coach of the
3 Northwestern State University basketball team and to commend him on another
4 historic season of Demon basketball.

5 WHEREAS, Mike McConathy has engineered many of the greatest accomplishments
6 in the Demon basketball program's one hundred year history, and it is appropriate to
7 commend and celebrate this beloved and legendary basketball coach who is a widely
8 respected and admired citizen of Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, Mike McConathy was chosen for the 1970s All-Decade Team for his
10 outstanding play as a guard at Louisiana Tech and received 1975-76 Southland Player of the
11 Year honors as the Bulldogs won the conference title; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 season was one of the Demons' best in school history,
13 the team finished with a 23-9 overall record and ranked among the nation's top one hundred
14 teams in eleven NCAA statistical categories, including finishing second nationally in scoring
15 and sixth in steals per game; and

16 WHEREAS, during the 2012-2013 season, Coach McConathy became the winningest
17 men's college basketball coach in Louisiana history with a combined three hundred fifty-two
18 career victories at Bossier Parish Community College and Northwestern State University;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in tribute to Coach McConathy's outstanding accomplishments, a
21 banner has been hung in Prather Coliseum to honor his legacy, and the banner hangs near

1 the No. 14 banner commemorating the number retired to honor his father, John McConathy,
2 who is one of the Demons' all-time greatest players; and

3 WHEREAS, this past season also saw the Demons record a twenty-plus win season
4 for the third time under Coach McConathy, and it was the tenth twenty-win season in school
5 history and the third in NSU's Division I history; and

6 WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 season also marks the fiftieth anniversary of the creation
7 of the Southland Conference and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the NCAA Tournament,
8 and it was the one hundredth year of Demon basketball, which was commemorated by a
9 Centennial Celebration at Northwestern on March 9, 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout the fourteen seasons that Coach McConathy has been at
11 Northwestern, he has increased the number of players recruited from Louisiana from twenty-
12 three percent of the roster in the 1999 season to an all-time high of eighty-six percent in
13 2010; and

14 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Coach McConathy, the Demons have recorded
15 two wins in the NCAA Tournament, over Winthrop in 2001 and over Iowa in 2006; three
16 Southland Conference Tournament Championships; seven appearances in the Southland
17 Conference Tournament championship game; three twenty-win seasons in the last nine
18 years; and two hundred twenty-three wins overall; and

19 WHEREAS, those who have worked closely with Coach McConathy throughout his
20 exemplary career respect and admire him for the indelible mark he has made on the
21 Northwestern State University basketball program and for the legacy of excellence he
22 continues to uphold; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach McConathy has been a mentor to countless players over the
24 years, has given guidance to them both on and off the court, and challenges them to succeed
25 not only as athletes but as well-rounded human beings; and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize Coach McConathy for his outstanding
27 achievements, dedication, and contributions during his tenure at Northwestern State
28 University, to express enduring gratitude for his monumental achievements during a truly
29 transformative period in the history of the basketball program, and to extend appreciation

1 for the tremendous pride and honor that he will forever bring to Northwestern State
2 University and the state of Louisiana; and

3 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that special acknowledgment be extended in celebration
4 of Coach McConathy, a distinguished gentleman who will forever be an inspiration to the
5 countless students, athletes, colleagues, friends, relatives, and citizens whose lives he has
6 touched.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby acknowledge and record for posterity the extraordinary
9 accomplishments and singular contributions of Mike McConathy, head basketball coach at
10 Northwestern State University, does hereby commend and congratulate him for his success
11 and triumph in coaching the great sport of basketball, does hereby commemorate his
12 distinction as the winningest men's college basketball coach in Louisiana history, does
13 hereby recognize and record for posterity his outstanding accomplishments and his
14 incredible legacy of excellence, does hereby express enduring gratitude for the pride and
15 honor he brings to Northwestern State University and to the state of Louisiana, and does
16 extend to him every good wish for continued success and happiness at the helm of Demon
17 basketball.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
19 to Mike McConathy, head coach of the Northwestern State men's basketball program.

DIGEST

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