

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATORS LONG, GALLOT AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES
BROWN, COX AND HOWARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Northwestern State University Head Coach Mike McConathy
for being the most winning coach in Louisiana men's collegiate basketball history.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens of Louisiana and the Legislature
of Louisiana have learned of the exciting news that Northwestern State University Demon
head basketball coach Mike McConathy has recently become the king of Louisiana men's
college basketball career wins; and

WHEREAS, Northwestern State Demon basketball celebrated its centennial this
season, and there could not have been a more appropriate coach to be in charge this year than
head coach Mike McConathy who has engineered many of the greatest accomplishments in
the program's rich history, along with his father, uncles and sons all having their places in
the Northwestern University Demon basketball lore; and

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 season played out just right, and then some, with one of
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
100 teams in eleven NCAA statistical categories, including second nationally in scoring
averaging 80 points per game and sixth in steals averaging 9.8 per game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike McConathy became the men's college basketball coach
with the most wins in Louisiana history with the combining of his 352 career victories at
Bossier Parish Community College over sixteen seasons with the 223 wins in fourteen
seasons at Northwestern State University, surpassing all other Louisiana collegiate
basketball coaches with a career high of 575 wins in thirty seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Demons have won eighty-four percent (37-7) of their home games
in the last three seasons, two of the four best win totals in a season in the school's history
have come in the last seven years with twenty games televised nationally, and an additional
twenty-six regional television appearances in the last fourteen seasons at Northwestern State
University; and

WHEREAS, during his coaching career, he has not only coached these young men to numerous victories on the court, he has inspired them to achieve academic success with eighty-five percent of the seniors under his tutelage graduating; and

WHEREAS, because Coach Mike McConathy has always instilled and promoted educational values in his players, their academic success has resulted in Northwestern State University ranking among the state, Southland Conference, and even nationally consistently as a leader in NCAA's Academic Progress Rate and in Graduation Success Rate; and

WHEREAS, he has seven Southland Tournament Championship game appearances in fourteen years, three NCAA Tournament berths and two NCAA Tournament wins; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike McConathy has been on ESPN/USA Today Coaches Top 25 voting panel for the last five seasons and was South Central Region coaches' advisory representative for the NCAA Selection Process for the last three seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mike McConathy was the 2012 recipient of the Guardian Game Pillar Award for Education from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) which is among the most prestigious awards presented by the NABC; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of great men and coaches like Coach Mike McConathy who inspire the young men they coach to strive to be best both on and off the court.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby honor, acknowledge, commend and congratulate Coach Mike McConathy for being the most winning coach in Louisiana men's collegiate basketball history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to Coach Mike McConathy.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES