

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Donald Harrison Shows on being inducted into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Coach Donald Harrison Shows spent many decades as a leading sports figure in the world of Louisiana high school sports, inspiring his players and the community alike; and

WHEREAS, he began his sports career as a team member, first at Ruston High School, where he lettered in basketball, baseball, track, and football, and then at Louisiana Tech University, where he attended on a track scholarship; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating college, he took his first job as an assistant coach at Haughton High School and during his stellar and lengthy career he served as a coach at Farmerville, Caldwell, Ouachita, Alexandria Senior High, Jonesboro-Hodge, Pineville, Northeast Louisiana University, Northwestern State University, and ultimately found his home at West Monroe High School in 1989, where he would coach for twenty-three successful years; and

WHEREAS, as head coach, Donald Shows led the West Monroe Rebels to win two national championships in 1998 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Rebels also won seven state championships, seventeen straight district titles, and maintained undefeated records in 1997, 1998, 2000, and 2009, among other awards and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shows was named All-Northeastern Coach of the Year in 1996, 2004, and 2008, and Class 5A Coach of the Year in 2011, and was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2011; and

WHEREAS, his legacy will long be remembered by the countless players he inspired on and off the field and by the many people who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Donald Harrison Shows on being inducted into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Donald Harrison Shows.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES