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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVES BROADWATER, HALL, AND HAZEL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Gene Rushing upon his retirement as head coach of Louisiana College's men's basketball program

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend Gene Rushing, of Pineville, Louisiana, upon his retirement from Louisiana
3	College as the men's head basketball coach.
4	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Gene Rushing upon his retirement from
5	Louisiana College, where for more than thirty years, he has been a part of Louisiana College
6	men's basketball; and
7	WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Rushing began his legacy at Louisiana College as an
8	outstanding basketball player; he spent two years as a player, eleven years as an assistant
9	coach, and twenty-nine years as the head coach for the men's basketball team; and
10	WHEREAS, he had a 335-431 record at Louisiana College including a stretch
11	between 1987 and 1991, where he had a record of 102-48; he won an NAIA district title and
12	made an appearance in the NAIA national tournament; with the coaching skills of Mr.
13	Rushing, Louisiana College moved to NCAA Division III, beginning in the 2001-2002
14	season; and
15	WHEREAS, Coach Rushing is recognized as the winningest coach in Louisiana
16	College's history and his commitment and loyalty to Louisiana College is unmatchable; and
17	WHEREAS, under Coach Rushing's leadership, every basketball player recruited by
18	him left Louisiana College with a degree; and
19	WHEREAS, Coach Rushing has been the epitome of what Louisiana College
20	represents; he has prepared his players to succeed both on and off the court and has sent
21	hundreds of young men into the professional world; and

1 WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary coaching skills, Coach Rushing was 2 inducted into the Louisiana College Sports Hall of Fame in the fall of 2006; and 3 WHEREAS, his compassion for young people, basketball, and his drive to succeed 4 will forever be remembered by his former players, colleagues, and his community; and 5 WHEREAS, Coach Rushing will always be respected and admired for the wonderful 6 guidance he gave to his players both on and off the court, as he challenged them to succeed 7 not only as athletes but as well-rounded human beings, and upon the end of his monumental 8 coaching career at Louisiana College, Coach Rushing merits a special measure of 9 commendation for his outstanding accomplishments and his enduring legacy that will long 10 continue to be a source of tremendous pride for the innumerable players, coworkers, and fans 11 whose lives he touched during his unforgettable career at Louisiana College. 12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 13 commend Gene Rushing upon his retirement as head coach of the Louisiana College men's 14 basketball team; does hereby express to him sincere appreciation for his exemplary 15 leadership of Louisiana College's men's basketball program and for the honor he has brought 16 to the school, community, and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to him every 17 good wish for success and happiness in all of his future endeavors. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 19 to Gene Rushing.

## DIGEST

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