

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Jimmy Von Shaver upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and on his outstanding athletic career as head coach of the Alfred M. Barbe High School football team in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Jimmy Von Shaver was born on September 23, 1948, in Houston, Texas, to Ivan and Thelma Shaver, and along with his siblings, brothers Kenny and Paul and sister Nelda, Jimmy attended Sam Houston Elementary School and Travis Junior High School in Conroe, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the family moved to Kinder, Louisiana, where Jimmy completed his high school education at Kinder High School participating in football, earning all-district honors two years as a running back, and in track, where he was an all-district competitor in the 100-yard dash, the 400-yard relay, the 800-yard relay, and the mile relay; and

WHEREAS, after high school graduation, Jimmy enrolled at McNeese State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education in 1974 and his Masters of Education degree in 1980; and

WHEREAS, during his years at McNeese State University, Jimmy met and married the love of his life, Tommye Kingrey, with whom he has three daughters, Susannah, Kala, and Marla; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Jimmy's three daughters, he now has two sons-in-law, Jacob Hathaway and Kipp Walling, and nine grandchildren, Hannah Pauley, Alexandra Shaver, Devon Pauley, Haleigh Pauley, Emily Hathaway, Brody Walling, Aubree Walling, Annelise Hathaway, and Andrew Hathaway; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy began his coaching career in 1971 at Immaculate Conception School in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he spent three years as head coach leaving that position in 1974 to become assistant football coach and head basketball coach at St. Louis High School in Lake Charles until 1978 when he was selected as an assistant football coach by Coach Charles Vicknair at Alfred M. Barbe High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 Jimmy Shaver became head football coach at Alfred M. Barbe High School where over the course of his twenty-nine years at the helm, Barbe Buccaneers never had a losing season, amassing an overall record of 238 wins and only 100 losses and playing in the playoffs for twenty-seven of those twenty-nine years, including the last nineteen years in a row; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shaver was voted by his peers to be Southwest Louisiana Coach of the year six times, his teams won eight outright district titles, and shared five district titles; and

WHEREAS, the Alfred M. Barbe High School football team reached the state semi-finals twice while Coach Shaver was their head coach, and his coaching achievements resulted in him being selected All-District Coach thirteen times and in 1987 he was selected as Louisiana Class 5A Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Shaver's leadership, the Barbe Buccaneers football team amassed 8,990 points scored; 5,489 first downs; 69,398 rushing yards; 40,652 passing yards; 110,050 total offensive yards; and 288 players named to All-District teams; and

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, Jimmy Shaver was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and was intended, in the words of Otis Harris, sports editor of the *Shreveport Journal*, to be "the Louisiana Hall of Fame – a hall of fame for the state's greatest athletes, men or women, amateur or professional, living or dead"; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shaver is respected and admired for the wonderful guidance he has given to his athletes both on and off the field, as he challenged them to succeed not only as athletes but as well-rounded human beings; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shaver merits a special measure of commendation for his unwavering dedication, inspiring guidance, and highly significant achievements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Coach Jimmy Von Shaver upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and on his outstanding athletic career as head coach of the Alfred M. Barbe High School football team in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Jimmy Von Shaver.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES