

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach M.L. Woodruff on his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize legendary Parkview Baptist School baseball coach, Coach M.L. Woodruff, on the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Woodruff began his coaching career in 1981 as the head baseball coach at Dolye High School in Livingston Parish; one year later, he accepted an offer from Parkview Baptist School in Baton Rouge to serve as the head baseball coach, head basketball coach, and assistant football coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Woodruff would go on to spend the remainder of his three-decades-long teaching and coaching career at Parkview Baptist; he served as the Eagles' head baseball coach for twenty-seven years, developing the school's program into one of the top programs among all classifications in the state of Louisiana; under his leadership, the team won twenty-one district titles, made twenty-three playoff appearances, and won eleven state championships; and

WHEREAS, Coach Woodruff achieved a career coaching record of six hundred three wins, one hundred sixty-three losses, and two ties, giving him a winning percentage of .785; as another indicator of his iconic and legendary coaching status, his teams at Parkview Baptist achieved a perfect record of twenty-two wins and zero losses in all semifinals and finals games; and

WHEREAS, Coach Woodruff was named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Coach of the Year in 1986, 1987, and 1989; he was also honored by the American Baseball Congress Association as the 2007 National Coach of the Year; he was inducted into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2016 and the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Coach M. L. Woodruff is a true coaching icon who is most deserving of the highest recognition for his successful leadership of the Parkview Baptist School baseball program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Coach M. L. Woodruff on his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue to prosper and serve as a model of genuine coaching greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES