

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Southern University women's basketball Head Coach Sandy Pugh upon being named 2018 Southwestern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) head coaches and sports information directors selected Sandy Pugh, head coach of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College women's basketball team, as 2017-2018 SWAC Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pugh has provided exemplary leadership, training, and mentoring to Southern University women athletes during her twelve-year tenure; Coach Pugh knows how to win, has earned a reputation for developing players, and as testament to her ability to develop players, she shares SWAC honors with senior forward Briana Green, who was named 2018 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the athletes of Southern's women's basketball program enjoyed a remarkable season with only one loss at home, a conference wins-losses record of 14-4, and claimed the SWAC's regular-season championship for the first time since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Lady Jaguars and Coach Sandy Pugh participated in the first round of the 2018 Women's National Invitation Tournament; and

WHEREAS, since Coach Pugh's arrival in 2000, Southern University women's basketball has become one of the most storied programs in the state and the SWAC; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Jaguars have earned at least a share of the regular-season conference title four times in the past five seasons under Coach Pugh; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pugh also served as interim athletics director at Southern University from 2011-2012; she has proven herself a capable leader; and

WHEREAS, Southern women's basketball program has provided the Jaguar Nation with years of enjoyment, boasting the conference's first and only Women's National Basketball Association draft pick in 2002, four National Collegiate Athletic Association first-round appearances, three Women's National Invitational Tournament post-season appearances, and numerous individual and coach of the year accolades, and it is fitting to recognize the consummate leadership of Sandy Pugh and to acknowledge the honor she has received as 2018 SWAC Coach of the Year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby offer hearty congratulations to Sandy Pugh upon being named the 2018 SWAC Coach of the Year; does hereby commend Coach Pugh's leadership of the Southern University women's basketball team and their achievements in 2017-2018; and does hereby express sincere gratitude and pride for the athletic excellence Coach Pugh and the team have displayed as representatives of the great state of Louisiana during their impressive season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Sandy Pugh.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES