

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Coach Harvey Adger on his 800th win as a head basketball coach.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana and the citizens of Louisiana have learned of the extraordinary accomplishments of Harvey L. Adger ending his 2015-2016 basketball season with a career total thus far of eight hundred and three wins; and

WHEREAS, Harvey L. Adger attended Valencia High School and Southern University; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harvey Adger has coached at Glen Oaks High School for thirty-five years, leading the basketball teams to four state championships, six parish championships, and twenty district championships; he also coached for nine years at Glen Oaks Middle School, winning several championships culminating in a middle school triple crown in the sports of football, basketball, and track and field in 1980-81; and

WHEREAS, he credits his high school and college coaches, John Crockett and Richard Mack, for inspiring him to become a coach; and

WHEREAS, he has coached the sports of basketball, football, track and field, and golf; and

WHEREAS, his greatest enjoyment comes from watching young men come in as freshmen, develop into outstanding students and athletes, and then go on to further their education with scholarships at all collegiate levels; and

WHEREAS, he said his initial goal as a coach was to win district titles, which eventually elevated to making the playoffs and then a state championship, and then his goal changed into wanting to develop a program that could compete with other schools and coaches at the national level; and

WHEREAS, his greatest inspiration came from his mother, now ninety-five, who at eighty-seven went through several surgeries and still had the energy and enthusiasm to continue to work hard on a daily basis in spite of her physical setbacks; and

WHEREAS, in his free time he enjoys playing golf, breaking down game film, and spending quiet time resting and listening to relaxing music; and

WHEREAS, Coach Harvey Adger has received many honors, awards and accolades, which include multiple years as Coach of the Year for the State 1995 and 1999, Parish 1994 and 1995, Metro Area 1996, District 1983, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2013, the Southeast Region Coach of the Year for 1994, 1992 Gatorade Honor Roll Coaches Award, 1988 Franklin Life's Select Circle National Coaching Award, Louisiana High School Coaches Association East All-Star Head Boys' Basketball Coach 1995 (East 97- West 71), 2005 (East 88-West 87), 2000 NBA/WNBA Sportsmanship Award, 2006 Louisiana High School Coaches Association 25 year Service Award, 2006 NAACP Community Service Award, 2005 National Center for Urban Family Development Hall of Fame Award, 2009 Louisiana High School Athletic Association LHSAA Top 28 Hall of Fame Honoree, 2010 Louisiana High School District 2 Athletic Director of the Year (LHSADA), 2010 Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association (LHSBCA) Hall of Fame, 2013 NAACP Unsung Hero Award, and the 2015 Southern University Men's Basketball Legend Award; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of men like Harvey L. Adger who spend their talents, time, and energy coaching, teaching and positively molding the young minds of our future leaders of tomorrow.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Harvey L. Adger on his 800th win as a head basketball coach and wishes him much success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Harvey L. Adger.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE