

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Ed "Skeets" Tuohy, legendary Newman High School basketball coach, upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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, though the Hall of Fame was begun over fifty years ago, it is only this year that it has a permanent and appropriate home to recognize Louisiana's greatest sports heroes, for on Friday, June 28, 2013, the grand opening will be held for the stunning twenty-three million dollar Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum in the National Historic District of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 29, 2013, is legendary high school basketball coach, Ed "Skeets" Tuohy; and

WHEREAS, beginning his coaching career at Newman High School in New Orleans, he transformed a 13-12 record team into an undefeated team, winning the state championship title in his first year of coaching; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ed "Skeets" Tuohy coached the Newman High School basketball team to state championship titles for three seasons, 1960-1961, 1962-1963, and 1963-1964; and

WHEREAS, when the Newman basketball team was not winning the state title, it was competing hard for the title, for Coach Tuohy led his team to the state tournament nine times in his fifteen seasons, including six years in a row from 1961-1966; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ed "Skeets" Tuohy was vital to the Newman basketball team winning the district championship all fifteen years he coached, not losing a district game in his last six seasons; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ed "Skeets" Tuohy's coaching career ended in 1975 after he suffered a stroke; and

WHEREAS, the advice and motivation of Coach Ed "Skeets" Tuohy has lived on through his three sons, each of whom played college basketball; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Ed "Skeets" Tuohy for his peerless coaching career and for his well-deserved induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, for he was truly one of Louisiana's greatest athletes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ed "Skeets" Tuohy, legendary Newman High School basketball coach, upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Coach Tuohy.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES