

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON, HALL, PRICE, AND JAMES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Eric Dooley for his outstanding accomplishments as offensive coordinator of the Grambling State University (GSU) football team and to commend him for being named the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Assistant Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, Coach Dooley has had a successful coaching career with twenty-two years of experience in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) with numerous accomplishments, and it is appropriate to commend and celebrate this beloved coach who is a widely respected and admired resident of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, prior to coaching at GSU, Coach Dooley spent fourteen years on the Southern University Jaguar staff, three years as offensive coordinator coach with the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions, and coached at Alcee Fortier High School and Eleanor McMain Secondary School in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, while at Southern, Coach Dooley was a part of four SWAC titles, two Black College National titles and two Heritage Bowl championships; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dooley has volunteered his time at every coaching stop, including serving as a mentor for the Alma J. Brown Boy Scouts, working with high risk students in after-school or summer programs, visiting retirement homes, volunteering with the Salvation Army Christmas Drive, the Girl Scouts of Baton Rouge, the Southern University November Turkey Drive, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes field days, and various reading literacy day programs; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dooley's offense is one of the best in the SWAC, ranking at the top in nearly every category; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dooley, who doubles as the Tigers' wide receivers coach, is one of the top coordinators in the country, leading the Tigers to the number four ranked offense in the country in both total yards and points per game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dooley has produced three Historically Black College and University All-Americans, a SWAC Offensive MVP and four ALL-SWAC performers in his three-year tenure at GSU; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the 2016 football season, Coach Dooley was selected as the 2016 AFCA FCS Assistant Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Coach Dooley for his outstanding achievements, dedication, and contributions to Grambling State University and the Grambling community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Coach Eric Dooley for his success and triumph in coaching the great sport of football, and does hereby recognize and record for posterity, his outstanding accomplishments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eric Dooley, offensive coordinator of the Grambling State University football program.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES