

1 WHEREAS, Coach Banks spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Southern
2 University, where he served as the Jaguars' chief recruiter and was responsible for the
3 recruitment of two-time Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Player of the Year
4 Adarrial Smylie and Dionte Harbey, the 1997-1998 SWAC Newcomer of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Banks served as Southeastern Louisiana University men's
6 associate head basketball coach for five years, and spent a total of eight years on the
7 coaching staff, where he helped the Lions produce seven winning seasons, the most of any
8 Division I school in Louisiana, and one hundred forty wins, second only to Louisiana State
9 University's one hundred forty-four wins from 2003-2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Banks played a vital role in the Lions' defensive effort in 2004-
11 2005 as Southeastern finished fourth in the nation in scoring defense and produced the
12 school's first Southland Conference Tournament championship and berth in the National
13 Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Tournament; and

14 WHEREAS, since joining Southern University as the men's head coach in 2011,
15 Coach Banks has led the Jaguars to the largest win-loss turnaround in Louisiana and the third
16 largest turnaround in the NCAA and has so far amassed an astounding 40-24 overall record
17 and a 28-8 SWAC record ; and

18 WHEREAS, among his many accolades, Coach Banks was named the 2011-2012
19 LSWA Coach the Year, the 2012-2013 Co-SWAC Coach of the Year, the 2012-2013 LSWA
20 Coach of the Year, the 2012-2013 Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches (LABC)
21 Coach of the Year, the Boxtorow Division HBCU Coach of the Year, and the
22 Collegeinsider.com SWAC Coach of the Year; and

23 WHEREAS, Coach Banks is married to the former Tiffaney McCoy, and they are the
24 proud parents of two children; and

25 WHEREAS, Coach Roman Banks merits a special measure of commendation for his
26 significant contributions to the Southern University men's basketball team and for his intense
27 determination and expert guidance of the players over the past two truly remarkable seasons.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
29 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record for posterity the enduring
30 appreciation of the members to head coach Roman Banks for his tireless efforts on behalf
31 of Southern University basketball over the past two seasons, and does hereby commend and

1 congratulate him for his paramount contributions to the success of the Southern University
2 basketball program, particularly during the historic 2012-2013 season.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
4 to Roman Banks, head coach of Southern University men's basketball team.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES