

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 100

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Micah Coleman, Natchitoches Central High School Boys Head Basketball Coach on being named "Coach of the Year".

WHEREAS, Natchitoches Central High School (NCHS) Boys Head Basketball Coach Micah Coleman was recently recognized for his professionalism, leadership, dedication, and commitment to high school basketball by being named one of The Town Talk's Central Louisiana Coaches of the Year for boys basketball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coleman guided his Chiefs through a difficult slate of district games advancing to the Top 28 for the first time since 2006; and

WHEREAS, he coached at Hamilton Christian prior to coming to NCHS, credits his assistant coaches and players for their hard work modestly but sincerely stating "they deserve just as much credit as I do"; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coleman had the challenge of guiding his team through a late-season emergence, NCHS was 16-5 heading into District 5-2A play, losing four of their first six district games which prevented them from repeating as district champions this year; and

WHEREAS, however, with Coach Coleman's encouragement and guidance the Chiefs rallied, ending the season with back-to-back district wins, including a twenty point victory over West Monroe ending their season with a 23-10 record; and

WHEREAS, he felt the victories gave the team the confidence it needed to prepare them to play every single night during the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, NCHS Chiefs No. 7 seed outlasted all of their talented and strong district rivals and were the only team from the district to reach the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coleman attributes tough competition in district play with teams like Ouachita No. 2 seed, and West Monroe No. 4 seed to their deep run and success in reaching the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Coleman is truly a dedicated professional whose love of God, family, and the students he teaches and coaches is evident in everything he undertakes and the people of Louisiana should be proud to have this extraordinary man teaching and coaching the children of our state; 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 talented and dedicated coaches and educators like Micah Coleman.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana hereby commends Coach Micah Coleman, Natchitoches High School Boys Head Basketball Coach, on being named one of The Town Talk's Central Louisiana Coaches of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Natchitoches Central High School Head Basketball Coach, Micah Coleman.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE