

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY SENATOR JOHNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mike Johns upon his legendary 48- year career and many accomplishments as an athletic coach.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Mike Johns, head coach of the St. Louis Catholic High School Saints football  
3 team of Lake Charles, and to congratulate him upon his retirement after a sterling  
4 career of forty-eight years in coaching.

5 WHEREAS, Coach Mike Johns proved to be a leader of the highest caliber, a catalyst  
6 who motivated young athletes to work together, to exceed their personal expectations, to  
7 attempt seemingly unattainable goals, to demonstrate an exceptionally competitive nature,  
8 and to perform as a team made of many cohesive parts; and

9 WHEREAS, Coach Johns began his athletic coaching career in 1966 at LaGrange  
10 Junior High School after obtaining a bachelor's degree from McNeese State University; he  
11 also coached at Sam Houston High School, LaGrange High School, and for the last thirteen  
12 years at St. Louis Catholic High School; and

13 WHEREAS, during his tenure as head coach, he garnered twenty playoff  
14 appearances, ten each at both LaGrange and St. Louis Catholic high schools, with six Class  
15 5A district championships at LaGrange and four district championships at St. Louis; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Johns garnered numerous awards through his career that include  
17 ten-time District Coach of the Year, Class 5A Coach of the Year, and as the Southwest  
18 Louisiana High School Football Coach of the Year in 1994, Big Schools Coach of the Year

1 in 2010, and as the Coach of the Decade for the 1990's; and

2 WHEREAS, Coach Mike Johns developed the skill set of a multitude of young  
3 athletes and also was a mentor, father figure, and advisor to many young men who struggled  
4 to find success in the world of high school, collegiate, and professional sports; and

5 WHEREAS, Coach Johns possessed the outstanding characteristics of leadership and  
6 trust that brought out the very best performance in athletes; he encouraged them, both in the  
7 game and beyond it, to put forth their very best efforts, to be strong and brave in the face of  
8 formidable opposition, and to work diligently toward achievement of their lifelong goals;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Mike Johns concluded his illustrious athletic career on  
11 November 8, 2013, his last Friday Night Under the Lights, with a home game victory (35-  
12 13) against Iota; and

13 WHEREAS, when next football season begins, Coach Johns will fondly remember  
14 his many fine days on the gridiron and the elation from that roar of "Go Saints".

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
16 hereby commends and congratulates Coach Mike Johns for his legendary forty-eight year  
17 career in Southwest Louisiana athletics and for his many championships and honors upon  
18 the occasion of his well-earned retirement.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
20 Coach Mike Johns.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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DIGEST

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