

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Grambling State University Head Football Coach Broderick Fobbs on a highly successful football season capped with winning the SWAC conference and the HBCU national championship.

WHEREAS, Coach Broderick Fobbs, in his third year at the university, led the Grambling State Tigers last year to an overall record of twelve and one, capping the season as 2016 SWAC Football Champions, defeating Alcorn State 27-20 in the title game, and as 2016 HBCU National Football champions, prevailing over North Carolina Central 10-9 in the Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl; and

WHEREAS, after a one-year stint serving as the wide receivers' coach with Southern Mississippi University in 2012, Fobbs returned to McNeese State University in 2013 for a sixth overall season as a member of the McNeese coaching staff as the tight ends' coach, having previously served there as co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers' coach; and also worked as an offensive graduate assistant at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette during the 2000-2001 season; and

WHEREAS, as a high school player at Carroll High School in Monroe, he earned all-state and all-district honors in football and baseball, played in the state baseball and football all-star games and earned a scholarship to Grambling State University as a running back; and

WHEREAS, under legendary GSU Head Football Coach Eddie Robinson, Coach Fobbs served as a two-time team captain for the Tigers and led the Southwestern Athletic Conference in yards per carry of 7.1 one season while gaining more than one thousand yards during his college football career; and

WHEREAS, he was an honors student and earned his bachelor's degree from the university in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fobbs had a successful stay, from 2002-2006, as an assistant coach at Northwestern State, and during his stay there, served an NFL minority internship with the Buffalo Bills in 2005, and has also coached the Arena League II Lafayette, Louisiana, franchise; and

WHEREAS, Coach Fobbs is married to the former Kimbia Jones, and the couple has two children, Kyndal Elise and Rylee Hollis; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 season was a realization of a dream for Coach Fobbs - to win a title with his father who also played for Grambling and Coach Robinson - and this was the first season they had coached together, with his father being the running backs' coach.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Head Football Coach Broderick Fobbs on his leadership in leading the Grambling State Tigers to a Southwest Conference title and a HBCU national championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Broderick Fobbs.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE