

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sandy Pugh for her accomplishments as basketball coach for Southern University.

WHEREAS, Southern University women's basketball coach Sandy Pugh was named 2017-18 Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year by league head coaches and sports information directors; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pugh provided exemplary leadership, training, and mentoring to the 2017-18 Southern University women's team and shared SWAC honors with Briana Green who was named SWAC Defensive Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Southern's women basketball program enjoyed a remarkable season and claimed the SWAC's first outright regular season championship since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University Lady Jaguars and Coach Pugh participated in the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament; and

WHEREAS, since Sandy Pugh's arrival in 2000, Southern University women's basketball has ascended to become one of the most storied programs in the state of Louisiana and the SWAC conference; and

WHEREAS, the Jaguars women's basketball team has earned at least a share of the regular season title four times in the past five seasons under Coach Sandy Pugh; and

WHEREAS, while balancing duties as Southern's interim athletic director in 2011-2012, Coach Pugh has also proven herself a capable leader; and

WHEREAS, Southern Women's basketball has provided the Jaguar Nation with years of pride, boasting the conference's first and only WNBA draft pick in 2002, four NCAA first round appearances, three WNIT post-season appearances, and numerous individual and coach of the year accolades; and

WHEREAS, the entire Jaguar Family congratulates Coach Pugh and the 2017-18 women's basketball team on their achievements and honors, and thank them for an impressive season.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sandy Pugh for her accomplishments as basketball coach for Southern University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Sandy Pugh.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE