

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BARROW, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CONNICK, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAMBERT, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kim Mulkey on being named head coach of the Louisiana State University womens basketball program.

WHEREAS, Kimberly Duane Mulkey was born on May 17, 1962, in Santa Ana, California, and grew up in Tickfaw, Louisiana; she attended Hammond High School where she led the girls basketball team to four consecutive state championships and finished her high school career with 4,075 points, which was a national record at the time; she also graduated as class valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mulkey continued to build her basketball resumé at Louisiana Tech University; as a player from 1980 until 1984, she led the Lady Techsters to a 130-6 record, two national titles, and four final four appearances; she was a member of the United States' gold medal-winning team at both the 1984 Olympics and the 1983 Pan-American Games; she also graduated with summa cum laude honors and was a two-time Academic All-American; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Louisiana Tech, Coach Mulkey served as an assistant and associate head coach at her alma mater; during this time, Louisiana Tech posted a 430-68 record and advanced to seven Final Fours; as associate head coach, she was responsible for coordinating recruiting, tutoring the Lady Techster guards, overseeing the team's academic progress, and running the summer basketball camps; and

WHEREAS, for the past twenty-one years, Coach Mulkey has helmed the Baylor University womens basketball program and led the Lady Bears to four Final Four appearances and three national championships; her teams reached the Elite Eight six times and the Sweet Sixteen five other times; in 2012, she led the Baylor Lady Bears to the first 40-0 record in NCAA basketball history, which was capped off by a national championship game victory over Notre Dame; and

WHEREAS, at Baylor, Kim Mulkey was named National Coach of the Year and the Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year eight times each; she also took home the New York Athletic Club's Winged Foot Award after each of her three national championships as Baylor's head coach; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mulkey's basketball resumé is truly astonishing; she is the only individual in college basketball history to win national championships as a head coach, assistant coach, and player; she is also the fastest coach in NCAA Division I history to reach six hundred career wins, which she accomplished in only seven hundred games; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mulkey is a true leader who has helped to develop some of the top players in recent womens basketball history; at Baylor, she coached nineteen All-Americans and eight first-team All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mulkey is also an amazing leader off of the court; players who started and finished their careers with her at Baylor have a one hundred percent graduation rate; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mulkey is a member of the 2020 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class; she already holds membership in numerous prestigious halls of fame, including the National High School Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Sports Writers Hall of Fame, the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame, the Womens Basketball Hall of Fame, the Baylor Athletics Hall of Fame, and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Mulkey returns to Louisiana as a genuine coaching legend and as the most accomplished head coaching hire in the history of Louisiana State University's prestigious athletic program; she brings an unprecedented resumé, both on and off the court, to Louisiana's flagship university, and she is most deserving of recognition as she takes charge of the LSU Lady Tigers' basketball team.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kim Mulkey on being named head coach of the Louisiana State University womens basketball program; does hereby recognize Coach Mulkey's awe-inspiring achievements throughout her career, does hereby laud Coach Mulkey's commitment to the academic success of athletes, and does hereby extend sincere hopes that Coach Mulkey and the LSU Lady Tigers' basketball team enjoy tremendous success for many years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kim Mulkey.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE