

2016 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY SENATOR JOHNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Coach Brooks Donald Williams of McNeese State University upon the occasion of her resignation as the winningest head coach in McNeese Cowgirl basketball history.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Coach Brooks Donald Williams of McNeese State University upon the
3 occasion of her resignation as the winningest coach in McNeese Cowgirl basketball
4 history.

5 WHEREAS, Coach Brooks Donald Williams has resigned her position with the
6 Cowgirls, after nine seasons as head coach, to take an assistant coaching position at the
7 University of Alabama; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Williams, who was named the head coach of McNeese State
9 University in 2007, led the Cowgirls to six consecutive national postseason tournament
10 appearances in her nine seasons with McNeese and an overall record of one hundred
11 sixty-one wins and one hundred thirty losses; and

12 WHEREAS, Williams guided McNeese to the 2011 Southland Conference
13 championship, the 2011 and 2012 Southland Conference tournament titles, and two
14 appearances in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Basketball Tournament in 2011
15 and 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, the Cowgirls and Coach Williams made four consecutive appearances,
17 beginning in 2013 through the past season of 2016, in the Women's Basketball Invitational
18 postseason tournament, including advancing to the tournament championship game in 2013;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, during her tenure at McNeese, Coach Williams and the Cowgirls posted
3 four 20-win seasons, including a school record twenty-six victories in the 2011-2012 season
4 and tying that record in the 2012-2013 season, a school record fifteen conference wins in
5 2011, and, since the 2010-2011 season, the Cowgirls have posted a one hundred thirty to
6 seventy-one overall record and a seventy-one to thirty-three mark in league play; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Williams was named the Southland Conference Coach of the
8 Year in 2011 and her teams included sixteen all-Southland Conference players, seven
9 players named as all-tournament performers in the Southland Conference tournament, two
10 tournament most valuable players, a newcomer of the year in the conference recipient, and
11 four times a Cowgirl was named the league's student-athlete of the year; and

12 WHEREAS, under the guidance of Coach Brook Williams, two Cowgirls ended their
13 college basketball eligibility as McNeese career leaders in assists, three players ended their
14 careers in the top five and four in the top ten in career scoring by McNeese Cowgirls; and

15 WHEREAS, Coach Brooks Williams expressed her thanks for the opportunities
16 afforded her at McNeese State University and stated that she felt blessed to have had the
17 opportunity to meet and coach such amazing young women as have worn the Cowgirl
18 uniform during her tenure; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Williams continued by praising the loyalty and commitment of
20 the young women she has coached at the school, stating also that so many of the Cowgirls
21 had become like members of her family and that they would continue to remain so for many
22 years to come; and

23 WHEREAS, Williams resigned her position at McNeese in order to join a close
24 friend and Louisiana native who is the women's basketball head coach for the Alabama
25 Crimson Tide; and

26 WHEREAS, Coach Williams' career leading the Cowgirls of McNeese State
27 University established the basketball program as a successful performer in the Southland
28 Conference, producing both exceptional players and championship caliber teams, all
29 accomplishments which provide Coach Brook Donald Williams and the McNeese Cowgirls
30 a resume of which the coach and the university can be justly proud.

