

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 127

BY SENATOR SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Lou St. Amant upon the occasion of having the University of Louisiana at Monroe's baseball field renamed in his honor as "Lou St. Amant Field".

WHEREAS, Lou St. Amant, a Norco, Louisiana, native and Destrehan High School standout played collegiately for the Louisiana State University baseball squad; and

WHEREAS, after injuring his pitching arm, Lou began his teaching and coaching career with stops close to home at Sacred Heart School in Norco, St. Charles Boromeo in Destrehan, and St. Joan of Arc School in LaPlace, before moving to Monroe in 1967 to serve as a graduate assistant coach at Northeast Louisiana University (NLU), now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM); and

WHEREAS, while coaching at NLU, Lou also found time to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees; and

WHEREAS, after his graduation in 1970, Lou returned to the high school ranks as athletic director and head football coach at Latcher High School, where he posted a 44-13 record, including the LHSAA Class 3A state championship in 1975, when his squad went undefeated at 13-0-1; and

WHEREAS, when Lou returned to NLU in January of 1976, he was also an assistant football coach, but dropped those duties in 1979 to devote all of his time to baseball; and

WHEREAS, Lou's first team as the head baseball coach at NLU snapped a string of four consecutive losing seasons; and

WHEREAS, Lou's 1983 squad was NLU's first men's program to win a Southland Conference title, which also secured a NCAA tournament bid; and

WHEREAS, over his eighteen years as head baseball coach for NLU, Lou racked up four hundred fourteen wins and impacted hundreds of student-athletes' lives in a positive manner; and

WHEREAS, as the head coach, Lou played an instrumental role in the design of the team's current ballpark and was present every day during its construction; and

WHEREAS, his wife Marilyn was a fixture at home games and enjoyed traveling and cheering on Lou's teams; and

WHEREAS, the couple was married for fifty-eight years at the time of her passing in July of 2020; and

WHEREAS, even in retirement, Lou continued to represent the university as the radio color analyst for ULM football; and

WHEREAS, after having his number retired by ULM baseball and receiving the prestigious Warhawk Ambassador Award from the ULM Foundation, it is a fitting tribute to alumnus and coaching legend Lou St. Amant to have ULM's baseball field renamed in his honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lou St. Amant upon the occasion of having the University of Louisiana at Monroe's baseball field renamed in his honor as "Lou St. Amant Field".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lou St. Amant and ULM President Dr. Ronald Berry.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE