

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Todd Bowles on his achievements as a player and a coach in the National Football League

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Todd Bowles on his achievements as a player and a coach in the National
3 Football League.

4 WHEREAS, Todd Robert Bowles was born on November 18, 1963, in Elizabeth,
5 New Jersey, and graduated from Elizabeth High School; he is married to Taneka Lasha
6 Soule, and he has three sons, Todd Jr., Troy, and Tyson, and a stepdaughter, Sydni Paige
7 Russell; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Bowles attended Temple University in Philadelphia,
9 Pennsylvania, and played for the Temple Owls football team; he recorded seven career
10 interceptions in his four-year collegiate playing career; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Bowles was drafted by the Washington Redskins in the eighth
12 round of the 1986 NFL Draft; he primarily played safety throughout his eight-year NFL
13 career and recorded four interceptions during the 1987-1988 season, which finished with a
14 Washington victory in Super Bowl XXII; he also played for the San Francisco 49ers during
15 the 1991 season; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Bowles began his coaching career as the defensive coordinator
17 and secondary coach for Morehouse College in 1997, and he served on the Grambling State
18 University football team coaching staff in 1998 and 1999; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Bowles became an NFL coach in 2000 after accepting a role as
20 a secondary coach for the New York Jets; during the early years of his NFL coaching career,

1 he served as a secondary coach for the Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys, and Philadelphia
2 Eagles; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Bowles served as the defensive coordinator of the Miami
4 Dolphins during the 2011-2012 season, and he served in the same role on the Arizona
5 Cardinals coaching staff for the 2013-2014 season; he was hired as the head coach of the
6 New York Jets in 2015 and held this role until 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Bowles joined the coaching staff of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers
8 as the defensive coordinator in 2019 and was promoted to head coach in 2022; he led the
9 Buccaneers to a victory in Super Bowl LV in 2021, achieving one of the most memorable
10 seasons in franchise history; and

11 WHEREAS, from 2011 to 2024, Coach Bowles compiled a 54-68 coaching record
12 in regular season and playoff competitions and won three division championships; he is best
13 known for his incredible defensive strategies and proficiency in player development, and he
14 is most deserving of the highest recognition for his many achievements.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Todd Bowles on his achievements as a
17 player and a coach in the National Football League; does hereby recognize his community
18 involvement and charitable work off the field; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that
19 he continue his excellent work and always strive for greatness in competition.

DIGEST

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