

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Coach Bowles became an NFL coach in 2000 after accepting a role as a secondary coach for the New York Jets; during the early years of his NFL coaching career, he served as a secondary coach for the Cleveland Browns, Dallas Cowboys, and Philadelphia Eagles; and

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES