

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 216

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Coach Bob Starkey for his contributions to women's basketball and to request the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Committee to consider his induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Bob Starkey built a legacy coaching basketball at Louisiana State University, and he is considered one of the best defensive minds in the game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Starkey served as an assistant under LSU men's Head Coach Dale Brown from 1990 to 1996, and he played a pivotal role in developing Shaquille O'Neal, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, and Stanley Roberts; and

WHEREAS, in his first coaching stint with the LSU women's team, which lasted from 1998 to 2011, Coach Starkey helped guide the Tigers to four SEC Championships, twelve-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, and five-consecutive trips to the Women's Final Four; he also coached Seimone Augustus and Sylvia Fowles, both of whom etched their names into LSU history under his watch and went on to play professional basketball; and

WHEREAS, Coach Starkey also spent nine seasons coaching at Texas A&M and one season at Auburn; Kim Mulkey hired him as her top assistant one year into her tenure as the LSU women's head coach, and during the first year of his second stint at LSU, he played a major role in helping the Tigers win the first national championship in program history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bob Starkey is a truly incredible leader who has made massive contributions to women's basketball, particularly during his two stints with the LSU women's basketball team, and he is most deserving of consideration for induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Coach Bob Starkey for his contributions to women's basketball and does hereby request the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Committee to consider his induction into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES