

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATORS SEABAUGH, ABRAHAM, BASS, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CLOUD, DUPLESSIS, FESI, FOIL, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, MILLER, MIZELL, MYERS, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELDERS, STINE AND WHEAT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dale Weiner on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, each year, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, talent, and accomplishment worthy of being named to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Class includes Dale Weiner; and

WHEREAS, Dale Weiner, born on March 18, 1952, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, dedicated forty-seven years of his life to coaching high school football; and

WHEREAS, he retired after the 2016 season as one of the winningest coaches in Louisiana history with a remarkable career record of three hundred seventeen wins and one hundred nine losses, placing him sixth all-time in state wins; and

WHEREAS, a 1970 graduate of Baton Rouge High School, Coach Weiner began his coaching journey in 1975 as an assistant football coach at Catholic of Pointe Coupee under 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame inductee Jim Hightower, and he later served as head coach at Trafton Academy, St. John-Plaquemine, and most notably, Catholic High School in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, upon taking over a struggling program at Catholic High School in 1987, Coach Weiner transformed it into a perennial powerhouse, amassing two hundred eighty-two wins over thirty seasons, an average of more than nine victories per year, and elevating the program to statewide and national prominence; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Catholic High won eighteen district championships, reached the state quarterfinals fifteen times, the state championship semifinals eight times, and captured the school's first-ever football state championship in 2015 with a memorable victory over nationally-ranked Archbishop Rummel; and

WHEREAS, Coach Weiner was a three-time Louisiana Sports Writers Association State Coach of the Year and a fifteen-time district coach of the year, exemplifying excellence and consistency in coaching over decades of competition; and

WHEREAS, his impact extended well beyond the field, with one hundred forty-three of his former players advancing to the collegiate level and seventeen reaching the National Football League, including standouts such as Warrick Dunn and Travis Minor; and

WHEREAS, in addition to football, Coach Weiner guided the Catholic High School weightlifting program to an astounding eighteen state championships, and he was inducted into the Louisiana Weightlifting Hall of Fame for his contributions to the sport; and

WHEREAS, Dale Weiner's influence on generations of student-athletes, his commitment to building character, and his passion for excellence in athletics and education have made a lasting mark on Louisiana sports history.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dale Weiner on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dale Weiner.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES