

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To congratulate Coach Claney Duplechin on his 50th year of coaching and to commend him for his outstanding contributions to Louisiana high school athletics.

WHEREAS, Coach Claney Duplechin "Coach Dupe" has served as the head coach of the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge's track and cross country teams for the last forty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable coaching career, he has led his teams to sixty-eight state championships; and

WHEREAS, under Coach Duplechin's leadership, the boys' cross country team achieved an unprecedented twenty-five consecutive state titles, which ranks second all-time nationally, while his girls' cross country teams have won six state championships since Coach Dupe inherited the program in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dupe's philosophy has always emphasized the development of character, promoting the values of teamwork, integrity, and sportsmanship, along with his motto: "Go Knights, Good People, Have Fun, State Champs!"; and

WHEREAS, Coach Duplechin's dedication extends beyond athletics, as he instills the importance of faith and personal growth, and fosters lasting bonds with his athletes, showing them that success is measured not by victories, but by the positive impact they make on others; and

WHEREAS, his coaching prowess has been recognized nationally, earning him titles such as the Gill National Track Coach of the Year in 2012, the National Federation of High Schools Coaches Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2013, and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year for cross country in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dupe's contributions to high school athletics have been further acknowledged through his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2022, and his recognition by MaxPreps in 2020 as one of the nation's top one hundred coaches in all sports; and

WHEREAS, Coach Duplechin has built an unparalleled coaching career; his fifty years of service to Louisiana student-athletes and forty-six years of service to Episcopal School of Baton Rouge is a testament to his exceptional leadership and commitment to the youth of the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Coach Claney Duplechin on his fifty years of coaching and extends its sincerest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to Louisiana's athletic community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Claney Duplechin at the Episcopal School of Baton Rouge.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES