

1 team to a conference championship; and

2 WHEREAS, his outstanding collegiate performance led to his selection in the 1977
3 NBA Draft by the Chicago Bulls, after which he briefly played professional basketball in
4 Europe before dedicating himself to coaching; and

5 WHEREAS, McConathy began his coaching career at Airline High School before
6 launching the men's basketball program at Bossier Parish Community College, where he
7 spent sixteen seasons building the Cavaliers into one of the most successful programs in the
8 National Junior College Athletic Association, producing numerous winning seasons and
9 establishing a strong foundation for the program; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1999, he accepted the position of head coach at Northwestern State
11 University, taking over the Northwestern State Demons men's basketball program and
12 transforming it into a competitive force in the Southland Conference; and

13 WHEREAS, during his twenty-three seasons at Northwestern State, McConathy
14 compiled 330 victories and guided the Demons to multiple championship game appearances
15 in the Southland Conference tournament, including four consecutive appearances from 2005
16 through 2008; and

17 WHEREAS, his teams reached postseason play on several occasions, including
18 appearances in the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament in 2001, 2006, and 2013,
19 highlighted by a memorable 2006 first-round victory over the Iowa Hawkeyes men's
20 basketball, as well as an appearance in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament in 2014; and

21 WHEREAS, over the course of his remarkable forty-three year coaching career,
22 McConathy accumulated a record 682 victories, 330 at Northwestern State and 352 at
23 Bossier Parish Community College, making him the winningest college basketball coach in
24 Louisiana history among both men's and women's programs; and

25 WHEREAS, his commitment to academic success was equally impressive, as ninety
26 percent of his players graduated during his tenure, reflecting his dedication to developing
27 student-athletes both on and off the court; and

28 WHEREAS, McConathy's influence has extended beyond the court through his
29 mentorship of numerous coaches and through his service as a faculty member at
30 Northwestern State University; and

