

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATORS SEABAUGH, BOUDREAUX, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HENRY,
JENKINS, LUNEAU, PRESSLY, PRICE, STINE AND TALBOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mike McConathy on being inducted into the 2026 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 2026 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Mike McConathy; and

WHEREAS, Mike McConathy, a native of Bossier City, has devoted more than four decades of his life to the sport of basketball as a player, coach, mentor, and educator, earning statewide and national respect for his leadership and dedication to student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, McConathy first distinguished himself as a standout athlete at Airline High School, where he earned recognition as a prep All-American guard before continuing his collegiate career at Louisiana Tech University; and

WHEREAS, while playing for the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs men's basketball team from 1973 through 1977, he averaged 20.7 points per game and scored 2,033 career points, earning Southland Conference Player of the Year honors as a junior and helping lead his team to a conference championship; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the university and to the sport of basketball, the playing court at Prather Coliseum was officially named in his honor on February 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, he has been inducted into the Louisiana Tech Athletic Hall of Fame, the Northwestern State Athletic Hall of Fame, the Ark-La-Tex Museum of Champions, and the Northwestern State Hall of Distinguished Educators; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, perseverance, and lifelong commitment to excellence, Mike McConathy has left an indelible mark on collegiate athletics in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

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commend Mike McConathy on being inducted into the 2026 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mike McConathy.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES