

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 277

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUTLER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Jeffery Craig Whittington for his outstanding coaching career

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Jeffery Craig Whittington for his outstanding coaching career.

3 WHEREAS, it is most fitting to recognize Jeffery Craig Whittington for his legacy  
4 as a mentor and leader of high school athletes and to commend him on his outstanding  
5 coaching career; and

6 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington began coaching at Bayou Chicot High School in  
7 1989 and enjoyed a thirty-seven-year career at six schools; his love of sports and the  
8 outdoors guided his leadership approach, and he used athletics as a platform to teach  
9 responsibility, resilience, teamwork, and character; and

10 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington consistently elevated high school basketball  
11 programs throughout his career; he led four different schools to the Louisiana High School  
12 Athletic Association (LHSAA) State Tournament Final Four and won a district  
13 championship at every school where he coached; and

14 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington led Holy Savior Menard to its first-ever appearance  
15 in the state finals and a state runner-up finish, and he led Sacred Heart School to its first  
16 semifinals appearance; he led Pine Prairie High School to the school's only district  
17 championship since its 2005 consolidation; and

18 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington won four state titles as a head coach; during his  
19 tenure at University Academy of Central Louisiana, he claimed back-to-back championships  
20 in the Mid-South Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) in 2015 and 2016 and back-

1 to-back LHSAA championships in 2020 and 2021; he won a state championship as an  
2 assistant coach at Glenmora High School in 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington has received numerous awards for his impressive  
4 coaching successes; he earned thirteen District Coach of the Year awards, eight All-Parish  
5 coaching honors, an All-Cenla Coach of the Year Award, and the 2015 MAIS All-State  
6 Coach of the Year Award; in 2021, he was selected as an assistant coach for the East All-  
7 Star Team; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington has cemented his place among the most  
9 accomplished coaches in Louisiana high school basketball history; over the course of his  
10 LHSAA coaching career, he recorded seven hundred thirty-three wins, including six hundred  
11 thirty-eight wins coaching girls basketball and ninety-five wins coaching boys basketball;  
12 he totaled one hundred seventy-five wins coaching in the MAIS; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington coached future NCAA Division I, NAIA, and  
14 NJCAA athletes; he guided players who earned All-Star recognition and mentored future  
15 LHSAA coaches who carry on his legacy of leadership; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to basketball, Coach Whittington coached softball and  
17 earned nine district championships, numerous deep playoff runs, and coach of the year  
18 honors; his success across different sports highlights his lifelong dedication to athletic  
19 development; and

20 WHEREAS, Coach Whittington's family are the central focus of his life; he and his  
21 wife, April, have shared more than thirty-four years of marriage and are the proud parents  
22 of three daughters and grandparents of three grandsons; he anchors his work on the values  
23 of family, faith, and community; and

24 WHEREAS, Jeffery Craig Whittington is an outstanding leader whose many  
25 successes highlight his dedication to coaching and the mentorship of high school athletes;  
26 he is deserving of recognition for his incredible achievements.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
28 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jeffery Craig Whittington for his  
29 outstanding coaching career; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his mentorship

1 of high school athletes in Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that he continue  
2 to prosper in all of his endeavors.

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