

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Tami McClure, head coach of the Zachary High School girls basketball team, for leading the Lady Broncos to the 2024 Division I Non-Select state championship, for earning The Advocate's "Star of Stars Girls Coach of the Year" honor, and for her extraordinary contributions to high school athletics in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana takes great pride in recognizing outstanding educators and coaches whose leadership, dedication, and mentorship profoundly shape the lives of young people across the state; and

WHEREAS, Tami McClure guided the Zachary High School girls basketball team through a storybook 2023-2024 season, culminating in a historic victory over Parkway High School in the Division I Non-Select state championship game; and

WHEREAS, this championship marked Zachary High School's first girls basketball state title in ninety-eight years, a milestone that reflects both the team's extraordinary commitment and Coach McClure's exceptional leadership; and

WHEREAS, Coach McClure, who often refers to her players as "my daughters", has long emphasized not only athletic excellence but also the development of strong, confident young women, stating her desire for them "to be amazing women when they leave this school"; and

WHEREAS, over more than twenty seasons as a high school coach in the Baton Rouge area, Coach McClure has amassed 621 career victories, including back-to-back LHSAA Class 4A state championships at St. Michael the Archangel High School in 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, nearly a decade ago, Coach McClure transitioned from the parochial

school system to Zachary High School, drawn by the school's promise and the challenge of building a championship-caliber program, urging players and parents alike to "trust the process"; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Broncos' 2024 championship run was fueled by a renewed focus following a disappointing quarterfinal loss to Mandeville the previous season, a moment that Coach McClure identified as a turning point for the team's mindset and determination; and

WHEREAS, Coach McClure and her assistant coaches demonstrated total commitment to the program by participating in offseason workouts alongside their players, modeling the discipline and buy-in they expected from the team; and

WHEREAS, colleagues and former players attest to Coach McClure's exceptional ability to connect with athletes and adapt to the needs of each team, qualities shaped in part by her upbringing as the daughter of former Major League Baseball pitcher and minor-league coach Ken Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, former LHSCA director Eric Held, who coached with McClure at St. Michael, has praised her early understanding of the demands of coaching and her ability to relate to players, while former star player and current St. Thomas More coach, Jeanne Kenney, has lauded McClure's rare talent for adjusting her approach to bring out the best in every team she leads; and

WHEREAS, Coach McClure's leadership, mentorship, and competitive excellence have earned her the distinction of being named The Advocate's "2024 Star of Stars Girls Coach of the Year", a recognition befitting her remarkable achievements and lasting impact on Louisiana high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to honor Coach McClure for her historic season, her championship legacy, and her unwavering dedication to the young women she coaches.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Tami McClure for leading the Zachary High School girls basketball team to the 2024 Division I Non-Select state championship and for being named The Advocate's "Star of Stars Girls Coach of the Year".

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
Coach Tami McClure.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE