

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN AND COX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Tynes Hildebrand on receiving the 2014 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and for being named to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Dave Dixon Award is presented annually by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's thirty-member Hall of Fame selection committee to an individual who has played a decisive role as a sports leader or administrator benefitting Louisiana or bringing credit to Louisiana on the national or international level; and

WHEREAS, Tynes Hildebrand, a native of Florien in Sabine Parish, won one hundred ninety-one games as head coach at Northwestern State University from 1965 to 1980 and served as athletics director from 1983 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, as a coach, Mr. Hildebrand ranks third in career wins at Northwestern State University (NSU), led the Demons into NCAA Division I and national tournament appearances at the NAIA level and assisted with the training camp of the 1972 United States Olympic Team at the invitation of legendary coach Henry Iba; and

WHEREAS, as an athletic director, Mr. Hildebrand is remembered for steering NSU into the Southland Conference in 1987, and amidst challenging budget situations, for unprecedented competitive and fundraising success, and finally, for mentoring and grooming a steady stream of young athletics administrators who continue to impact today's intercollegiate and professional sports scene; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hildebrand also became a traveling evaluator for the initial round of the NCAA's Division I certification process that every Division I institution must undergo each decade and has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the Division I-AA selection panel, until his retirement in 1996; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, he began his current role as an NCAA officials observer in the Southeastern, Big XII, Conference USA, Western Athletic, Southwestern Athletic, Southland and Sun Belt conferences; and

WHEREAS, when the NCAA reorganized its basketball officiating administrative structure in 2006, Mr. Hildebrand was chosen to represent the south as one of only four regional representatives who work to evaluate and select officials to work each round of the NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hildebrand also works as a presenter, evaluator and instructor during the offseason at numerous officiating clinics; and

WHEREAS, throughout his nearly fifty year career, Louisiana's native son Mr. Hildebrand has used his leadership skills and talents to impact college basketball in a positive way and has been an inspiration and role model to his players and assistant coaches as well as other coaches, administrators, officials and colleagues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tynes Hildebrand on receiving the 2014 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and for being named to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tynes Hildebrand.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES