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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Mike Rhodes for dedication and hard work in the Special Olympics Program and as an athletics coach in the 2014 Special Olympics Games in New Jersey.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate Mike Rhodes for his strong dedication and hard work in the
3	Special Olympics Louisiana Program and as an athletics coach in the 2014 Special
4	Olympics USA Games.
5	WHEREAS, Special Olympics Louisiana is a statewide organization that changes
6	lives by promoting understanding, acceptance, and inclusion between people with and
7	without intellectual disabilities; and
8	WHEREAS, Special Olympics Louisiana offers year-round programs for 14,200
9	children and adults with intellectual disabilities in all sixty-four parishes with the help of
10	15,000 volunteers; and
11	WHEREAS, Special Olympics Louisiana selected a delegation of sixteen athletes,
12	ten unified partners, and eight coaches from the Acadiana Area to attend the third Special
13	Olympics USA Games held on June 14-21, 2014, in New Jersey; and
14	WHEREAS, the Acadiana Area brought home a total of twenty Gold medals, five
15	Silver medals, nine Bronze medals, nine fourth place ribbons, two fifth place ribbons, one
16	seventh place ribbon, one eighth place ribbon, and one participation ribbon, totaling
17	forty-eight awards; and
18	WHEREAS, these Special Olympics Louisiana athletes, unified partners, and

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1 coaches have exhibited great sportsmanship, talent, and respect and have represented 2 Louisiana with honor and pride. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana 3 hereby commends Mike Rhodes for his strong dedication and hard work in the Special 4 5 Olympics Louisiana Program and as an athletics coach in the 2014 Special Olympics USA 6 Games. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mike 8 Rhodes.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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