

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 218

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Marie Charmaine Ford for her outstanding leadership as head coach of Northside High School's volleyball team and to commend her upon her retirement.

WHEREAS, Coach Ford has had a successful coaching career with nineteen years as the head volleyball coach and seventeen years as the assistant softball coach at Northside High School in Lafayette, Louisiana, and a total of twenty-seven years coaching at the high school and middle school levels; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ford has been an adaptive physical education teacher in the Lafayette Parish School system for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, for the past nineteen years, Coach Ford has been one of Louisiana's top high school volleyball coaches; she led the Northside Vikings volleyball team to the playoffs for seventeen seasons, including three district playoff appearances, five district third-place finishes, four district runner-up finishes, one district championship, two regional finalist finishes, and two quarter-final appearances; and

WHEREAS, a leader of the highest caliber, Coach Ford is a positive force who motivates, nurtures, and molds young athletes, many from economically disadvantaged households, into standout college athletes who go on to become productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ford is retiring after completing the 2017-2018 school year; after which, she looks forward to gardening, remodeling her home, spending time with family, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, as she leaves Northside High School after an extremely productive and successful career, Marie Charmaine Ford merits a special measure of commendation for her unparalleled legacy of excellence in coaching.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Marie Charmaine Ford for her outstanding leadership as the head coach of Northside High School's volleyball team and to commend her upon her retirement; does hereby recognize her many years of service to the Lafayette Parish School System; does hereby express to her sincere appreciation for her exemplary leadership and for the honor that she has brought to Northside High School, to the city of Lafayette, and to the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend to her every good wish for success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Marie Charmaine Ford.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES