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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Raymond Blanco on being named to the 2019 Louisiana Political Hall of Fame induction class.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Raymond Blanco on being named to the 2019 Louisiana Political Hall of Fame induction class.

WHEREAS, Raymond Blanco served as assistant football coach at Kirwin High School in Galveston, Texas, and head football coach at Catholic High School in New Iberia, Louisiana, between 1958 and 1962; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, he led the Catholic High team to win the State Championship, and from 1963 to 1969, he served as assistant football coach at what was then the University of Southwestern Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, he became Dean of Men and with the eventual merger of the offices of the Dean of Men and Dean of Women, he was named as USL's Dean of Student Personnel in 1972; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Coach Blanco became the chief student officer for the university functioning as the dean of students and overseeing the operations of the entire student welfare area; and

WHEREAS, as member of the university council, he was responsible for the operations of several areas, including student personnel, university police, the student union, counseling and testing, international students, housing, the child development center, career

services, parking and transit, One Card System, intramurals, Student Health Services, Student Athlete Center, Physical Plant, student government, campus organizations, and student publications; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1982, Mr. Blanco began serving in the capacity of vice president for student affairs and retired from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, he became First Gentleman of Louisiana during the gubernatorial tenure of his wife, Governor Kathleen Blanco; and

WHEREAS, he was the first man to serve as First Gentleman of Louisiana and was nicknamed "First Coach" during his tenure in the position; and

WHEREAS, Coach Blanco has advised aspiring candidates for various parish and local offices such as clerks of court, assessors, mayors, parish presidents, city and parish council members, sheriffs, district attorneys, state representatives, state senators, and judges; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Blanco merits a special measure of commendation for his tireless dedication to the students and faculty at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and for the guidance and direction he has provided to aspiring public servants in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Raymond Blanco on being named to the 2019 Louisiana Political Hall of Fame induction class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Raymond Blanco.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

DIGEST

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