

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAMBURG, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAYHAM, BEAULLIEU, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, CHENEVERT, COATES, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FONTENOT, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, GLORIOSO, GREEN, HEBERT, HENRY, HILFERTY, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, JACKSON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, JORDAN, KERNER, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, MANDIE LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARCELLE, MCCORMICK, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MCMAKIN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, NEWELL, ORGERON, OWEN, PHELPS, RISER, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SPELL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TARVER, TAYLOR, THOMAS, THOMPSON, TURNER, VENTRELLA, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILEY, WILLARD, WRIGHT, WYBLE, YOUNG, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR BASS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of former state representative Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery.

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne Montgomery was born on July 7, 1937, and is a beloved figure in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, where he made extensive contributions to the community as an educator, coach, and public servant; and

WHEREAS, Coach began his professional career in education; he served as a basketball coach at Haughton High School from 1960 to 1969 and Lafayette High School from 1969 to 1970; his teams consistently reached the state playoffs, and he won two state titles and a runner-up finish during his coaching career; Coach also served as assistant principal and principal; and

WHEREAS, Coach transitioned into politics and was elected to represent District 9 in the Louisiana House of Representatives, serving from 1988 to 2008; he was recognized as "New Legislator of the Year" by the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and in 1989, the Louisiana Association of Educators named him a "Distinguished Legislator"; he also received the International Police Award in 1990; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his legislative career, Coach served on the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, House Committee on Ways and Means, House Executive Committee, Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay, House Special Committee on Disaster Planning-Steering Subcommittee, Louisiana Homeland Security Committee, and the House Special Committee on Disaster Planning, Crisis Management, Recovery, and Long-Term Revitalization; he also served as the chair of the Independent Caucus and was a member of the Democratic Caucus and the Louisiana Rural Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Coach consistently supported and championed the work of House staff and served with an unwavering commitment to House Legislative Services, especially in his role as chair of the former House Legislative Services Council for sixteen of his twenty years in the House; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the legislature, Coach continued serving Bossier Parish as a special projects coordinator and assistant to the parish administrator from 2008 until his retirement in 2021; in recognition of his incredible service, Bossier Parish Community College named its gymnasium the Billy Montgomery Gym; and

WHEREAS, Coach was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2011 and into the Louisiana Political Hall of Fame in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Billy Wayne "Coach" Montgomery was an inspiring public servant whose life and career are defined by his steadfast dedication to education, public service, and community development; he has left an indelible mark on Bossier Parish and the state of Louisiana, and while he will be deeply missed, the legacy of his love and service shall live on in perpetuity in the hearts and minds of those who were privileged to have known and worked with him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express heartfelt condolences on the death of former state representative Billy Wayne

"Coach" Montgomery; does hereby express enduring appreciation for his unmatched commitment to serving the citizens of Bossier Parish and the state of Louisiana; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that his family, friends, colleagues, and loved ones find comfort in their shared memories of his beautiful life.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE