

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Terance Scott Phillips for his noteworthy career as a Louisiana high school baseball coach.

WHEREAS, Terance Scott Phillips is a 1986 graduate of Eunice High School, where he was an All-District catcher for the Bobcats baseball team under Coaches Clarence Merricks and John Burson, and he also played American Legion Baseball for the Eunice Oilers; after graduating, he played baseball at Southwest Mississippi Community College in Summit, Mississippi, before transferring to play at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where he also earned an undergraduate degree; and

WHEREAS, after college, Terance accepted his first coaching role as the head baseball coach of the St. Louis Catholic High School baseball team and served for two seasons in 1992 and 1993; following the 1993 season, he returned home to serve as an assistant baseball and football coach at Eunice High School; he was promoted to head baseball coach following the 1994 season; and

WHEREAS, since taking the helm of the Eunice baseball team, Coach Phillips has led the Bobcats to thirty-one consecutive playoff appearances, twenty-two seasons of twenty or more wins, a thirty-win season in 2023, fifteen district championships, nine parish championships, and three LHSAA State Baseball Tournament appearances; and

WHEREAS, Coach Phillips has served for thirty-three seasons as a head baseball coach and achieved an impressive record of six hundred ninety wins and only three hundred fifty-five losses; he is a four-time Louisiana High School Coaches Association All-Star Game coach, including one as head coach, and he has received several awards, including the 2011 Louisiana Sports Writers Association 3A Coach of the Year, 2022 Louisiana Baseball

Coaches Association Tony Robichaux Ethics Award, 2023 Acadiana Advocate All-Metro Coach of the Year Award, and 2023 Lafayette Daily Advertiser All-Acadiana Coach of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Coach Phillips is the son of Tommy and Dean Phillips; he is married to Lauri Phillips, and they have two children, Austin (Allie) and Dru Phillips, and one grandchild, Tommy Phillips; he is most deserving of the highest recognition for his incredible coaching career.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Terance Scott Phillips for his noteworthy career as a Louisiana high school baseball coach and does hereby extend sincerest wishes that he continue his excellent work and always strive for greatness.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES