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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY REPRESENTATIVES LAFONTA, AUSTIN BADON, BARROW, GALLOT,
MARCHAND, AND PATRICIA SMITH AND SENATORS CRAVINS,
DUPLESSIS, GRAY, JACKSON, AND MURRAY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the leadership of the Louisiana State University Athletics Department and the chancellor upon the hiring of men's basketball coach Trent Johnson, the first African American head coach of a men's sports team in university history.

WHEREAS, it is with great enthusiasm and excitement that the citizens of Louisiana learned of the selection of the very gifted and accomplished Trent Johnson as the new head coach of the LSU men's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, while Trent Johnson is the twentieth head coach of the LSU men's basketball team, he is the first-ever African American to serve as the head coach of the team and, in fact, of any men's sports team at LSU; and

WHEREAS, this historic turn of events is one in which the LSU community and the entire state take great pride; and

WHEREAS, with the hiring of Trent Johnson, LSU is not only adding a truly outstanding and exceptional coach to its athletics department family but also is celebrating and promoting diversity in the state of Louisiana, and it is hoped that LSU will continue to further diversify the faculty and staff of all of its departments; and

WHEREAS, all those involved in the historic hiring of Trent Johnson merit a special measure of commendation, as his selection is cause for great celebration at LSU and throughout the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the leadership of the Louisiana State University Athletics Department and the chancellor upon the hiring of men's basketball coach Trent Johnson, the first African American head coach of a men's sports team in university history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the athletic director and chancellor of Louisiana State University.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE