

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 232

BY REPRESENTATIVES PATRICIA SMITH, ABRAMSON, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, AUBERT, AUSTIN BADON, BOBBY BADON, BALDONE, BARRAS, BARROW, BILLIOT, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CORTEZ, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOERGE, DOVE, DOWNS, EDWARDS, ELLINGTON, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GALLOT, GEYMAN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, ELBERT GUILLORY, MICKEY GUILLORY, GUINN, HARDY, HARRISON, HAZEL, HENDERSON, HENRY, HILL, HINES, HOFFMANN, HONEY, HOWARD, HUTTER, GIROD JACKSON, MICHAEL JACKSON, JOHNSON, ROSALIND JONES, SAM JONES, KATZ, KLECKLEY, LABRUZZO, LAFONTA, LAMBERT, LEBAS, LEGER, LIGI, LITTLE, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MARCHAND, MCVEA, MILLS, MONICA, MONTOUCET, MORRELL, MORRIS, NORTON, NOWLIN, PEARSON, PERRY, PETERSON, PONTI, POPE, PUGH, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SCHRODER, SIMON, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, TEMPLET, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WADDELL, WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILLMOTT, AND WOOTON AND SENATORS ADLEY, ALARIO, AMEDEE, BROOME, CASSIDY, CHAISSON, CHEEK, CRAVINS, CROWE, DONAHUE, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, DUPRE, ERDEY, B. GAUTREAUX, N. GAUTREAUX, GRAY, HEBERT, HEITMEIER, JACKSON, KOSTELKA, LAFLEUR, LONG, MARIONNEAUX, MARTINY, MCPHERSON, MICHOT, MORRISH, MOUNT, MURRAY, NEVERS, QUINN, RISER, SHAW, SHEPHERD, SMITH, THOMPSON, AND WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend LSU track and field coach Dennis Shaver upon being named the 2008 NCAA Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, a native of Salina, Kansas, Dennis Shaver received his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Texas at Arlington and his master's degree in education with an emphasis on administration from Stephen F. Austin State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver began his coaching career in the early 1980s as an assistant track and field coach, assistant football coach, and head track and field coach at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver later served as head track and field coach at Barton County Community College in Kansas, leading both the men and women's track and field teams to capture all twelve of the conference's indoor and outdoor titles during his six-season tenure; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver also led the women's track and field team at Barton Community College to win eight national championships, including three indoor championships, three outdoor championships, and two cross-country championships; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Mr. Shaver became an assistant track and field coach at Auburn University, where he designed training programs for the school's field and multi-event athletes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver joined the LSU track and field staff in August of 1995, serving as an assistant head coach for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver was promoted to head track and field coach at LSU in July of 2004 and currently oversees the direction of both the men and women's track and field programs, concentrating his efforts with sprinters and hurdlers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver has served as head track and field coach at LSU for four years and has enjoyed twelve tremendously successful seasons; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mr. Shaver led the LSU women's track and field team to capture the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship and led the LSU men's track and field team to finish second at the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field meet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver has been recently recognized for his outstanding accomplishments as head track and field coach at LSU by being named the 2008 NCAA Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver was also honored as the 2008 SEC Women's Indoor and Outdoor Coach of the Year after leading the LSU women to the Southeastern Conference Championship during both the indoor and outdoor seasons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver has received several additional awards and honors throughout his career as a track and field coach, including being named the first U.S. Track Coaches Association Assistant Coach of the Year for Women's Sprints and Hurdles in 2003, the SEC Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year in 2007, and the USTFCCA Women's Mideast Region Coach of the Year in 2007; and

WHEREAS Mr. Shaver has also received seven National Coach of the Year awards, six Kansas Collegiate Coach of the Year honors, and twelve Regional Coach of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver is certified as a Level I, II, and Master Coach by USA Track and Field (USATF) and is a regular instructor for the USATF Coaches Education curriculum of the sprint and hurdle events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaver is also a loving husband to his wife, Connie, and a devoted father to his two children, Dale and Lindsay; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Shaver merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for his extraordinary contributions to track and field at Louisiana State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend LSU track and field coach Dennis Shaver upon being named the 2008 NCAA Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his notable accomplishments and manifold contributions to track and field in Louisiana, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the honor and pride that he brings to his family, friends, teams, community, and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dennis Shaver.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE