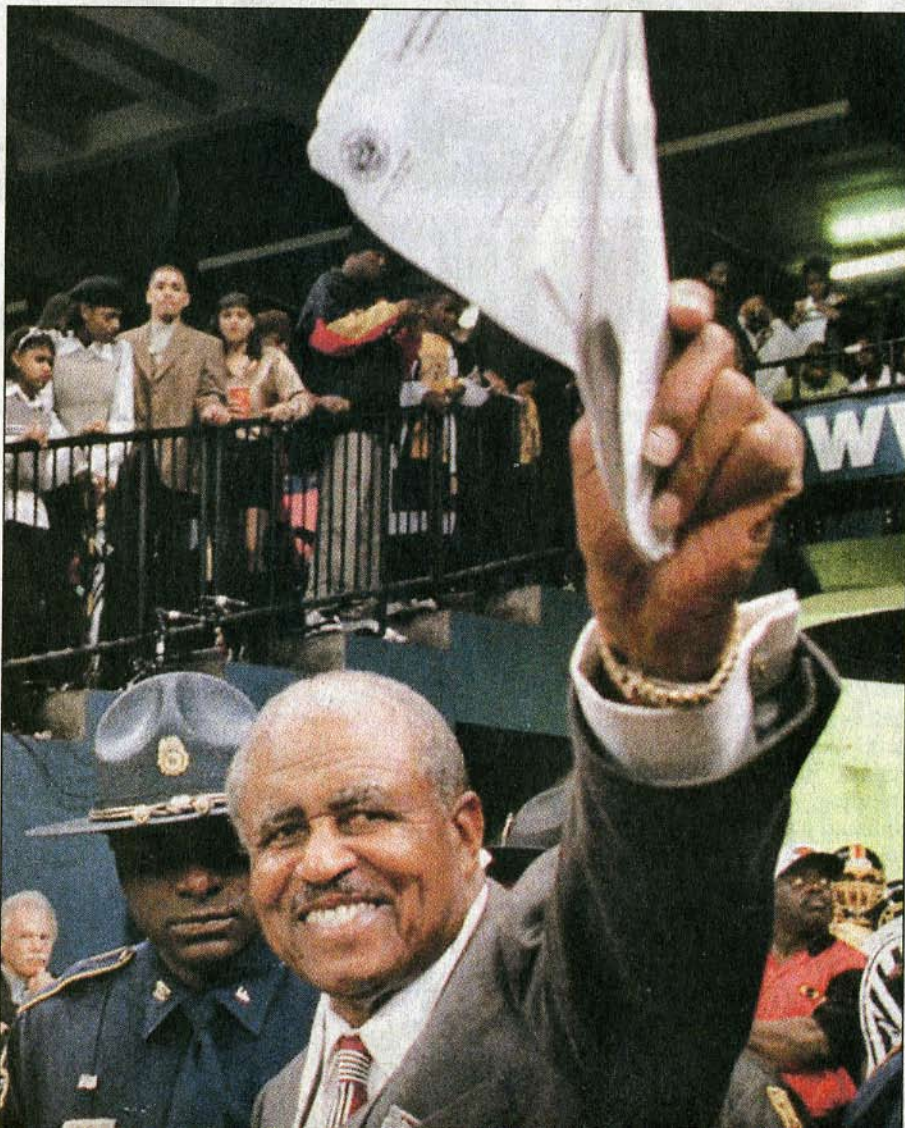


EDDIE ROBINSON, 1919-2007

# Louisiana legend dies



Ex-Grambling coach broke records, barriers

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**RUSTON** — Eddie Robinson, the longtime Grambling coach whose tireless work in breaking down racial barriers transformed a small, black college into a football power, has died. He was 88.

The soft-spoken coach spent nearly 60 years at Grambling State University, where he set a standard for victories with 408, and nearly every season relished seeing his top players drafted by NFL teams.

Doug Williams, a Super Bowl Most Valuable Player quarterback, was one of them. Williams said Robinson died shortly before midnight Tuesday. Robinson had been admit-

**“Eddie Robinson took (his players) to a game that needed to be played called football, and he prepared them for the larger game called life.”**

KIP HOLDEN,  
BR mayor