

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATOR LONG

AMUSEMENTS/SPORTS. Urges and requests the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to establish and sanction the competitive sport of tournament bass fishing.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to establish and  
3 sanction the competitive sport of tournament bass fishing.

4 WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association  
5 (LHSAA) is to direct and regulate the interscholastic athletics of member schools while  
6 promoting fair and equitable competition; and

7 WHEREAS, the LHSAA currently sanctions one hundred nine championships and  
8 twenty-five sports; and

9 WHEREAS, fishing is as much a part of Louisiana's culture as is football and as  
10 much a pastime of Louisianians as is baseball; and

11 WHEREAS, many of Louisiana's high school students already participate in bass  
12 fishing, both on a recreational and competitive level; and

13 WHEREAS, The Bass Federation's Louisiana chapter recently sponsored a state bass  
14 fishing tournament at Caddo Lake that attracted over forty teams representing approximately  
15 twenty LHSAA member schools; and

16 WHEREAS, the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs recently unanimously  
17 approved adding a junior division to its ranks with the hope of attracting high school teams  
18 as members; and

1           WHEREAS, the high school athletic associations in Illinois, Kentucky, and South  
2 Carolina currently sanction bass fishing as a championship sport; and

3           WHEREAS, by sanctioning bass fishing as a competitive sport, the LHSAA would  
4 create another avenue for students to participate in interscholastic competition.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
6 urge and request the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to establish and sanction  
7 the competitive sport of tournament bass fishing.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
9 LHSAA Commissioner Kenny Henderson.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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DIGEST

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