

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATORS LONG AND RISER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend T.B. "T. Berry" or "Teaberry" Porter upon being named to the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and the Legislature of the State of Louisiana have learned of the prestigious honor bestowed upon T.B. "T. Berry" Porter on his induction in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame is dedicated to the history of sports in Louisiana, including the achievements of more than three hundred Louisiana athletes, coaches, and other sports figures; and

WHEREAS, for more than a half-century the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame has recognized outstanding achievements in sports activities; and

WHEREAS, the inductees are chosen after extensive deliberations by an expert panel of Louisiana Sports Writers' Association members from across the state who annually consider more than one hundred twenty nominees for this honor; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 60th Annual Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Celebration; and

WHEREAS, and what better time to honor Louisiana's first professional rodeo cowboy and a Leesville native who was inducted into the National Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2015, T.B. "T. Berry" Porter; and

WHEREAS, he has been known to say that his career began back at the Vernon Parish Fair, at the age of three, when he first rode a goat; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, at age twenty-two, Porter traveled to New York City's Madison Square Garden where he first took the national calf roping title and was named World Champion Calf Roper, making him the first "rookie" to win the title among other titles and top events throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, T.B. "T. Berry" Porter's career spans over four decades, with many titles and accolades to his credit, all while managing a cattle ranch as he continued to bolster high school rodeo programs and served as a national judge; and

WHEREAS, he has left a strong legacy of excellence in sportsmanship and rodeo sports-related endeavors throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of extraordinary men like T.B. "T. Berry" Porter who strive to show others through hard work and dedication that all dreams are possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend T.B. "T. Berry" Porter upon being named to the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to T.B. "T. Berry" Porter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES