

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Jim Henderson upon receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most prestigious honor offered to sports media in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, inductees are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a thirty-member expert panel of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame selection committee based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional, and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, the veteran sports director Jim Henderson is the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a member of the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson spent thirty-four years (1978-2012) as sports director of WWL-TV in New Orleans where he replaced the legend and 1990 Distinguished Service Award winner Lloyd "Hap" Glaudi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was the radio play-by-play voice of the New Orleans Saints since 1986, except for the 1990 season when he called National Football League games for CBS; and

WHEREAS, the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association chose Mr. Henderson thirteen times as the winner of Louisiana's sportscaster of the year; and

WHEREAS, as a reporter for CBS Newspath, Mr. Henderson regularly covered major events like the Super Bowl, the Masters, and the Major League Baseball All-Star Game; and

WHEREAS, his play-by-play career has allowed him to be the soundtrack for memorable moments in New Orleans Saints history, including their first playoff victory in 2000 ("Hakim dropped the ball!"), the NFC Championship Game win in January 2010 ("Pigs have flown! Hell has frozen over! The Saints are on their way to the Super Bowl!"), and two weeks later when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV ("Get ready to party with the Lombardi, New Orleans!"); and

WHEREAS, after retiring from WWL-TV in January 2012, Mr. Henderson remained in his play-by-play role with the Saints; and

WHEREAS, after just six months into retirement, he returned to the airwaves to provide commentary and analysis on the Saints for WVUE-TV; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding and successful career of Jim Henderson has rightly earned him the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Jim Henderson upon receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jim Henderson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES