

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 245

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A RESOLUTION

To commend Doug Pederson, head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles football team, on his many accomplishments and Super Bowl 2018 victory.

WHEREAS, Doug Pederson played collegiate football at the former Northeast Louisiana University, renamed the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM); he holds the ULM record for most passing yards in a game with 619 yards against Stephen F. Austin State University in 1989, and his 6,315 career passing yards ranks fifth in the school's history; he is a member of his alma mater's Hall of Fame and Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, undrafted by the National Football League after his college playing days, Doug Pederson was cut seven times from four professional teams before he signed with the Green Bay Packers in 1995 as a backup quarterback for Pro Football Hall of Famer Brett Favre; Pederson studied under future NFL head coaches Steve Mariucci and Andy Reid and played behind Favre and quarterbacks Ty Detmer, Mike McCoy, and Jim McMahon, and he discovered that his true calling was in coaching; and

WHEREAS, Doug Pederson launched his coaching career at Calvary Baptist Academy in Shreveport where his four-year career from 2005-2008 saw his Calvary Cavaliers reach the Louisiana High School Athletic Association football playoffs in each year he coached, but his teams made it only as far as a pair of semifinal appearances; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Andy Reid, head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, hired Doug Pederson as a quality control coach; when Reid was fired in 2012, Pederson followed him to Kansas City and was the Chiefs' offensive coordinator until the Eagles hired him as head coach in 2016; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, February 4, 2018, Doug Pederson became the eighth Super Bowl head coach to win the coveted championship within the first two years of being hired as a head coach; on Super Bowl morning, Pederson read his daily Bible passage sent via text by Hayden Slack, one of his former Calvary Baptist Academy Cavaliers; the scripture was fitting of the glorious performance of his Philadelphia Eagles against perennial NFL power, the New England Patriots; Isaiah 40:31 reads, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"; and

WHEREAS, Doug Pederson remains a proud representative of ULM and Northeastern Louisiana; at press conferences in Philadelphia, he has worn the ULM logo on a hat or jacket; he and his wife Jeannie have a son, Josh Pederson, who is a tight end on ULM's football team, and the Pederson family is further represented by Doug's niece, Victoria, who plays on ULM's softball team; and

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana can claim NFL Super Bowl champion Doug Pederson as one of her own; he and his family call Monroe home, and it is fitting to acknowledge the professional accomplishments of Doug Pederson.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Doug Pederson on winning the 2018 National Football League Super Bowl championship as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles; does hereby recognize his deep athletic roots in the state and his continuing contributions to sports through the achievements of his family at the University of Louisiana at Monroe; does hereby commend the rich history of Doug Pederson's football performances and coaching leadership in Louisiana; and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success in his every endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Doug Pederson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES