

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Wendell Davis on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talent worthy of being named to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Wendell Davis; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Davis is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, and graduate of Fair Park High School; and

WHEREAS, Wendell was a wide receiver at Louisiana State University (LSU) and by the time he left LSU, he rewrote LSU's receiving record books to the tune of 183 catches, 2,708 yards, and 19 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, his junior year, the relatively unproven wide receiver who had caught only 31 passes in his first two seasons was instrumental in ending the LSU Tigers' 15-season Southeastern Conference (SEC) title drought; and

WHEREAS, during the magical 1986 season, Wendell broke numerous single-season records: 80 catches, 1,244 receptions, 11 touchdown receptions, and 14 catches in one game against Ole Miss; and

WHEREAS, following Wendell's spectacular junior season performance, he encountered increased attention and was often double-teamed by defensive players on opposing teams; and

WHEREAS, Wendell was named the 1987 SEC Most Valuable Player after totaling 72 receptions, 993 yards, and seven touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, to the surprise of the entire country, Wendell Davis and quarterback Tommy Hodson emerged as arguably the best receiver-quarterback duo in LSU history while revolutionizing SEC football during their two seasons together; and

WHEREAS, the LSU football team went 28-6-2 in Wendell's last three seasons with appearances in the Liberty, Sugar, and Gator Bowls; and

WHEREAS, despite all of the numerical accomplishments and the culture-changing seasons, the two-time All-American remains humble and values the time with his teammates the most; and

WHEREAS, Wendell was selected 27th overall in the first round of the 1988 National Football League Draft by the Chicago Bears; and

WHEREAS, in the 1991 and 1992 seasons, Wendell grabbed 115 passes for 1,679 yards and eight touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Wendell played for six seasons, seeing action in 81 games with 207 catches for 3,000 yards and 14 touchdowns before injuries cut short his playing career; and

WHEREAS, Wendell Davis became the wide receivers' coach for the San Francisco 49ers in October 2009, coached at Palo Alto High School in the 2011 season, and in 2012, was hired as the wide receivers' coach for Columbia University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Wendell Davis on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Wendell Davis.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE