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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR CORTEZ

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Armand "Mondo" Duplantis on setting a new world record for the pole vault.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To commend Armand "Mondo" Duplantis on setting a new world record for the pole vault. WHEREAS, Mondo Duplantis, a native of Lafayette, Louisiana, former Louisiana 3 4 State University (LSU) athlete, and dual citizen of the United States and Sweden, represents 5 his mother's native country in international pole vault competitions; and 6 WHEREAS, in competition in 2019, Mondo Duplantis, a seven-time Louisiana pole 7 vault champion, became the World Silver Medalist, the National Collegiate Athletic 8 Association (NCAA) Champion, both indoor and outdoor, the Southeastern Conference 9 (SEC) Field Athlete of the Year, both indoor and outdoor, the SEC Indoor Freshman Athlete 10 of the Year, owns two of the top three jumps in collegiate history, owns four of the top 10 11 jumps in collegiate history indoors, became the first collegian to ever clear 6.00 meters, and the first collegian in collegiate history to have four clearances of 5.92 meters; and 12 13 WHEREAS, Mondo decided to leave LSU after one year to focus on his burgeoning professional athletics career and a year later he earned the silver medal at the 2019 14 International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Championships held in 15 Dohn, Qatar; and 16 WHEREAS, on February 8, 2020, Mondo Duplantis first broke the world indoor 17 18 record previously set in 2014, and seven days later on February 15, 2020, Mondo vaulted

1	beyond the world record height again to clear 6.18 meters, breaking his own record by a
2	centimeter; and
3	WHEREAS, Mondo competed at the 2021 European Athletics Indoor
4	Championships, setting a new championship record of 6.05 meters and, at the one-year
5	delayed 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, he won a gold medal when he cleared a height
6	of 6.02 meters on his first effort; and
7	WHEREAS, to say his success continued in 2022 would be an understatement;
8	Mondo cemented his role in history by once again beating his world record three times; he
9	started the season clearing the height of 6.19 meters in Belgrade, Serbia, followed it up by
10	sailing more than 6.20 meters a week later at the World Athletics Indoor Championships,
11	and finally soared more than 6.21 meters at the World Athletics Championship in Eugene,
12	Oregon; and
13	WHEREAS, Mondo is the 2022 Male Athlete of the Year, the 2022 European
14	Championships gold medalist, breaking the championship record with a jump of 6.06 meters,
15	and finishing the 2022 season clearing 6.07 meters at the Zurich Diamond League final,
16	retaining the Diamond Trophy and earning a wild card entry to the 2023 World Athletics
17	Championships in Budapest; and
18	WHEREAS, Mondo got his 2023 campaign off to a strong start at the Mondo Classic
19	2023, a meet named after him and held in Uppsala, Sweden, with a winning height of 6.10
20	meters on February 2, 2023, not only his best ever season opener but also the highest
21	season-opening performance by any pole vaulter in history; and
22	WHEREAS, on February 25, 2023, at the All Star Perche indoor meet in
23	Clermont-Ferrand, France, Mondo broke the world record again, soaring to clear 6.22 meters
24	and increase the number of his career six meter-plus clearances to 60; and
25	WHEREAS, the youngest child of LSU track and field stars, Greg Duplantis, a pole
26	vaulter, and Helena Hudlund, a heptathlete and volleyball player, Mondo was destined to
27	have both an interest in sports and some innate athletic ability; and
28	WHEREAS, Mondo first tried pole vaulting at home as a three-year-old, set his first
29	age group world best at seven, and as of July 2015, he held the world best height in all age
30	groups from age seven to age twelve; and

1	WHEREAS, at 23 years old, the Swedish-American pole vaulter has already made
2	history by breaking the world record multiple times and has become a household name not
3	just in Sweden, but very much in the world of sports; and
4	WHEREAS, still looking towards new heights, Mondo Duplantis is just getting
5	started.
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7	commend Armand "Mondo" Duplantis on setting a new world record for the pole vault.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
9	Mondo Duplantis.
	The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Celeste Ellis.

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