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## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Glenn Guilbeau upon receiving the 2025 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2025 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 Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious honor offered to sports media in the state and recipients are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a forty-member expert panel based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional, and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Guilbeau is the recipient of the 2025 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a member of the 2025 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class; and

WHEREAS, a native of metropolitan New Orleans and longtime resident of Baton Rouge, Glenn Guilbeau has dedicated his professional life to chronicling and elevating the stories of athletics throughout the southeastern United States, particularly in the Southeastern Conference (SEC), for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Missouri's prestigious School of Journalism, Guilbeau is widely regarded as one of the most respected and recognizable sportswriters in the South; and

WHEREAS, Guilbeau has earned numerous national and state level accolades

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throughout his career, including honors from the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), the Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE), and the National Sports Media Association (NSMA), along with multiple awards from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA); and

WHEREAS, in the 2020–2021 season alone, Guilbeau won first place from the FWAA for his game story on LSU's upset win over Florida, he was named Beat Writer of the Year by the LSWA, and he placed in three separate APSE categories: Beat Writing, Explanatory Writing, and Game Coverage; and

WHEREAS, Guilbeau was previously named the FWAA's first-place columnist in 2017, and the top overall national winner in 2016, placing first in game stories, second in columns, and receiving honorable mention for features; and

WHEREAS, he was named Louisiana's Sportswriter of the Year by the NSMA in both 2007 and 2014 and he continues to receive recognition for his insightful reporting and exceptional storytelling; and

WHEREAS, Guilbeau began his Louisiana journalism career at *The Town Talk* in Alexandria in the late 1980s and he swiftly emerged as one of the top beat writers in the SEC; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Guilbeau has covered major SEC programs including Alabama and Auburn, and he was a leading voice on the LSU beat from 1998 through 2021 while writing for *The Advocate* and many other publications in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, he became a feature writer and reporter for Outkick.com, continuing to inform and engage sports fans while maintaining his Louisiana roots; and

WHEREAS, he now serves as editor of *Tiger Rag*, continuing his commitment to covering LSU athletics with the same excellence, integrity, and insight that have defined his career.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Glenn Guilbeau upon receiving the 2025 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Glenn Guilbeau.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES