

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Andrew Whitworth on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, the 2025 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Class includes Andrew Whitworth; and

WHEREAS, Andrew James Whitworth, affectionately known as "Big Whit", was born on December 12, 1981, in Monroe, Louisiana, and began his storied football journey in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Whitworth's athletic accomplishments began at West Monroe High School, where he helped lead the Rebels to three state football championships (1997, 1998, and 2000) under Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame coach Don Shows, and where he was also a Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) tennis champion; and

WHEREAS, he continued his football excellence at Louisiana State University (LSU) from 2002 to 2005, where he was a stalwart offensive tackle, earning two-time All-SEC honors, second-team Walter Camp All-America recognition, and setting a school record at the time of fifty-two career starts; and

WHEREAS, as a sophomore in 2003, Whitworth started all fourteen games on LSU's offensive line, helping the Tigers capture their first national championship in forty-five years, and led all linemen in snaps, knockdowns, and pancakes; and

WHEREAS, Whitworth exemplified dedication and perseverance, missing only one practice during his entire LSU career when he attended his college graduation ceremony; and

WHEREAS, selected in the second round of the 2006 National Football League (NFL) Draft (55th overall) by the Cincinnati Bengals, Whitworth enjoyed a remarkable sixteen-year NFL career, playing for the Bengals from 2006–2016 and the Los Angeles Rams from 2017–2021; and

WHEREAS, his professional achievements include four Pro Bowl selections, two first-team All-Pro honors, two hundred thirty-nine regular season games played with two hundred thirty-five starts, fifteen postseason appearances including two Super Bowls, and a victory in Super Bowl LVI with the Rams over his former team, the Bengals; and

WHEREAS, he became the oldest offensive tackle to start and win a Super Bowl, further cementing his legacy as one of the game's most durable and effective linemen; and

WHEREAS, beyond the field, Whitworth is widely celebrated for his charitable contributions and community leadership, earning the NFL's most prestigious honor, the 2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award, for his exemplary service and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, through the Big Whit 77 Foundation, Whitworth, alongside his wife, Michelle, a former Miss Louisiana, has touched countless lives, including a \$250,000 donation to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank in 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Whitworth continues to serve as a positive role model through his work as an NFL analyst for *Amazon Prime*.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Andrew Whitworth on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Andrew Whitworth.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES