



1 journalists in the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. LeBreton began his career with *The Times-Picayune* in his  
3 hometown of New Orleans and later served as a beat reporter covering Louisiana State  
4 University athletics and the New Orleans Saints for both *The Times-Picayune* and the Baton  
5 Rouge *Morning Advocate*; and

6 WHEREAS, after honorable service in the United States Army during the Vietnam  
7 War, Mr. LeBreton returned home to Louisiana and earned a degree in journalism from  
8 Louisiana State University, where he also spent three years working in the university's Sports  
9 Information Office; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. LeBreton went on to serve for thirty-seven years as an  
11 award-winning sports columnist with the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, where his commentary  
12 and reporting earned national acclaim and cemented his reputation as one of the premier  
13 voices in sports journalism; and

14 WHEREAS, over the course of his remarkable career, Mr. LeBreton covered some  
15 of the most significant sporting events in the world, including twenty-six Super Bowls,  
16 thirteen World Series, sixteen Olympic Games, sixteen NCAA Basketball Final Fours, the  
17 FIFA World Cup, the Masters Tournament, the Tour de France, the NBA Finals, the Stanley  
18 Cup Finals, and the Wimbledon Championships; and

19 WHEREAS, his work carried him across the globe, covering sporting events in  
20 France, Spain, Germany, Norway, Greece, the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, South  
21 Korea, Mexico, Argentina, and Canada, as well as in forty of the fifty United States; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. LeBreton conducted notable one-on-one  
23 interviews with many legendary figures in sports and public life; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. LeBreton's reporting from the Olympic Games earned numerous  
25 state and national honors, and his early reporting for *The Times-Picayune* on Louisiana  
26 Olympic hopefuls ahead of the 1976 Montreal Games was recognized by the Louisiana  
27 Sports Writers Association as the top series of the year, while his column marking the  
28 one-year anniversary of the World Football League's demise was named the LSWA Story  
29 of the Year; and

30 WHEREAS, he remains the only sportswriter to be named Sportswriter of the Year

