SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 152

BY SENATORS LONG, GALLOT AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN AND COX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Shane Reynolds on being named to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and Legislature of Louisiana have learned of the prestigious honor bestowed upon Shane Reynolds on his induction in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the inductees are chosen after extensive deliberations by an expert panel of Louisiana Sports Writers' Association members from across the state who annually consider more than one hundred twenty nominees for this honor; and

WHEREAS, Shane Reynolds was born on March 26, 1968, and is a native of Bastrop, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Shane Reynolds was a standout at Ouachita Christian School in Monroe, Louisiana, and at the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a third round draft pick in the 1989 Major League Baseball draft, he was one of the top pitchers in the National League and the Houston Astros' ace in the mid to late 1990's; and

WHEREAS, he pitched thirteen seasons in the majors and had a 114-96 career record with the Astros from 1992 to 2002, with whom he earned multiple opening day starts; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, he had a 103-86 record with the Astros making the 2000 All-Star game, and he led the National League in both 1998 and 1999 with thirty-five starts both of those seasons; and

WHEREAS, he won ten or more games six times in his career, with his best season coming in 1998 when he was 19-8 with a 3.51 ERA and 209 strikeouts, he also won sixteen games in 1996 and in 1999, and finished in the top 10 in strikeouts five times in his career between 1994 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Shane Reynolds knew how to handle a bat for a pitcher, posting a .141 career average with five homeruns; and

WHEREAS, his work ethic was compared to that of Nolan Ryan by longtime Astros trainer Dr. Gene Coleman; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of extraordinary men like Shane Reynolds who strive to show others through hard work and dedication that all dreams are possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Shane Reynolds on his impressive and successful baseball career and on being named as an inductee to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Shane Reynolds.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES