## BY SENATORS LONG AND GALLOT AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN AND COX

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Lionel Washington 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 Lionel Washington 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, Lionel Washington was born on October 21, 1960, and is a native of Lutcher, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the former Tulane University fourth-round draft pick of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1985, carved out a productive and impressive fifteen year National Football League career with the Cardinals, Los Angeles Raiders, Oakland Raiders, and Denver Broncos; and

WHEREAS, he played in two hundred and four games and started one hundred sixtyfive games during his career, and he intercepted thirty-seven passes and returned four of those for touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, his career high was eight interceptions as a rookie in 1983, and he intercepted at least three passes five times in his career; and

WHEREAS, Washington also had at least one interception in thirteen of his fifteen seasons; and

WHEREAS, he coached with the Green Bay Packers and just ended his second season as co-defensive coordinator at Tulane University, helping the Green Wave to a New Orleans Bowl bid in 2013; and

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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 Lionel Washington 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 Lionel Washington on his impressive and successful football 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 Lionel Washington.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE