

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 168

BY SENATOR GUILLORY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Chris Shivers on his accomplishments as a professional bull riding champion and upon his retirement from competition.

WHEREAS, Chris Shivers was born on December 30, 1978, in Jonesville; and

WHEREAS, at the age of thirteen, he mounted his first bull at one of several local practice pens; and

WHEREAS, at the age of fifteen, he won a brand new truck and by the time he was sixteen years old, he was winning money at every event he entered; and

WHEREAS, Chris turned pro at the age of eighteen and has ridden in events sponsored by the Professional Bull Riders, Inc. since that time; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, he was the Louisiana State High School Bull Riding Champion as well as a qualifier in the National High School Rodeo finals; and

WHEREAS, he was the first professional bull rider to win more than three million dollars in prize money in one year, and the first professional bull rider to reach the one million dollar, two million dollar, and three million dollar marks; and

WHEREAS, Chris was also the first to earn a one million dollar world championship bonus, and the first to register thirteen ninety-point rides in one season; and

WHEREAS, he achieved ninety-three career ninety-point bull rides, the most of any rider in professional bull rider history, and was the ninety-point club champion in 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Chris qualified for the professional bull rider finals fifteen times, and scored twenty-two career wins in the Bud Light Cup/Built Ford Tough Series; and

WHEREAS, he retired from competition after the 2012 professional bull riding season and resides in Jonesville with his wife, Kylie, and his two sons; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many achievements in professional bull riding, Chris Shivers is a deeply beloved member of the Jonesville community who has earned the respect and admiration of the countless citizens whose lives he has touched; and

WHEREAS, Chris Shivers, one of Louisiana's finest sons, merits a special measure of commendation for his singular achievements as a professional bull rider and ambassador for Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Chris Shivers for his outstanding accomplishments as a professional bull rider and his retirement from competition, does hereby recognize and record for posterity his exceptional achievements, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that he brings to his family and friends, to the Jonesville community, to the state of Louisiana, and to the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Chris Shivers.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES