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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 124

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Anthony Thomas on being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Anthony Thomas on being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

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

WHEREAS, the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes football legend Anthony Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas was born in 1977 in Pineville, Louisiana, and attended Winnfield Senior High School, where he started on the basketball, track, and football teams and was named first-team All-American and was rated as the second-best running back in the country by the "Prep Football Report"; and

WHEREAS, while in high school he totaled 7,594 rushing yards, scored 682 points, and set a state record with 106 career touchdowns while playing both running back and place kicker; and

WHEREAS, he played college football as a running back at the University of Michigan from 1997 to 2000, where he broke the school's career rushing record and received

the following honors by both the coaches and the media; 1997 All-Big Ten Freshman of the Year, 1999 Second-Team All-Big Ten player, and 2000 first-team All-Big Ten player; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the second round of the 2001 National Football League draft and played for seven seasons in the league, earning the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors in 2001; and

WHEREAS, his professional football career continued with the Dallas Cowboys, the New Orleans Saints, and the Buffalo Bills; and

WHEREAS, he began coaching at the West Virginia Wesleyan College in 2011 and was promoted to special teams coordinator and assistant head coach in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the successful football career of Anthony Thomas has rightly earned him a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Anthony Thomas on being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Anthony Thomas.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

DIGEST

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