

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Jim Henderson upon receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Jim Henderson upon receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most prestigious honor offered to sports media in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, inductees are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a thirty-member expert panel of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame selection committee based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional, and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, the veteran sports director Jim Henderson is the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a member of the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson spent thirty-four years (1978-2012) as sports director of WWL-TV in New Orleans where he replaced the legend and 1990 Distinguished Service Award winner Lloyd "Hap" Glaudi; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson was the radio play-by-play voice of the New Orleans Saints since 1986, except for the 1990 season when he called National Football League games for CBS; and

1 WHEREAS, the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association chose Mr.
2 Henderson thirteen times as the winner of Louisiana's sportscaster of the year; and

3 WHEREAS, as a reporter for CBS Newspath, Mr. Henderson regularly covered
4 major events like the Super Bowl, the Masters, and the Major League Baseball All-Star
5 Game; and

6 WHEREAS, his play-by-play career has allowed him to be the soundtrack for
7 memorable moments in New Orleans Saints history, including their first playoff victory in
8 2000 ("Hakim dropped the ball!"), the NFC Championship Game win in January 2010 ("Pigs
9 have flown! Hell has frozen over! The Saints are on their way to the Super Bowl!"), and two
10 weeks later when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV ("Get ready to party with the Lombardi,
11 New Orleans!"); and

12 WHEREAS, after retiring from WWL-TV in January 2012, Mr. Henderson remained
13 in his play-by-play role with the Saints; and

14 WHEREAS, after just six months into retirement, he returned to the airwaves to
15 provide commentary and analysis on the Saints for WVUE-TV; and

16 WHEREAS, the outstanding and successful career of Jim Henderson has rightly
17 earned him the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a place among
18 the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 commend and congratulate Jim Henderson upon receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service
21 Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame
22 Induction Class.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jim
24 Henderson.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

SCR 81 Original	DIGEST 2017 Regular Session	Long
-----------------	--------------------------------	------

Commends Jim Henderson upon receiving the 2017 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.