

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE HALL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Juan D'Vaughn Pierre on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Juan D'Vaughn Pierre; and

WHEREAS, Juan Pierre began his sporting career at Alexandria High School, where he was a standout in basketball and baseball, and upon graduating continued to excel as a baseball player for Galveston College, where he was the 1998 Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, and the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, he began his professional career with the Portland Rockies of the Northwest League then during his lengthy and successful career went on to play for the Colorado Rockies, Florida Marlins, Chicago Cubs, Los Angeles Dodgers, Chicago White Sox, Philadelphia Phillies, and Miami Marlins; and

WHEREAS, Juan Pierre compiled an outstanding .295 batting average with three 200-hit seasons, led the National Baseball League in hits in 2004 and 2006, earned 2,217 career hits and 517 rounds batted in, was a member of the 2003 World Series champion Florida Marlins, and was named the most valuable player by the South Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America; and

WHEREAS, he announced his retirement from professional baseball on February 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the successful baseball career of Juan D'Vaughn Pierre 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 Juan D'Vaughn Pierre on being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Juan D'Vaughn Pierre.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES