

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY SENATOR PEACOCK AND REPRESENTATIVES CARMODY AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Ryan Harrison for his many accomplishments in competitive tennis and for his impressive play in winning the men's doubles title at the French Open tennis tournament.

WHEREAS, Ryan Harrison of the United States and Michael Venus of New Zealand faced Santiago Gonzalez of Mexico and Donald Young of the United States to earn their first Grand Slam title in men's doubles at the French Open in Paris, France, on June 10, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the pair bested their competitors in three sets: 7-6 (7-5), 6-7 (4-7), and 6-3; the previous day, the duo reached the finals with a 4-6, 6-3, and 6-4 victory over 16th seeded Colombians Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah; and

WHEREAS, Harrison and Venus work very well as a doubles team, they have grown up playing tennis together; reared like brothers, both men trained by Pat Harrison, Ryan's father; and

WHEREAS, born to parents Pat and Susie Harrison in 1992, in Shreveport, Louisiana, Ryan was nearly destined to play tennis; his father, Pat, was a professional tennis player and coach while his grandfather, Jimmy Harrison, was a tennis coach at C.E. Byrd High School; and

WHEREAS, Ryan picked up his first tennis racquet at the age of two and proceeded to hone his skills to become a top-notch player; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Harrison plays right-handed with an impressive two-handed backhand; and

WHEREAS, before the age of sixteen, Ryan was regarded as an athletic prodigy after reaching the Top 10 in junior rankings and becoming one of the youngest players ever to win an Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) match; he faced opponents who were larger in stature and older in age; however, he was never intimidated, his confidence never waned, and his focus never wavered; and

WHEREAS, as a junior, Ryan compiled a 60–24 win/loss record in singles and was ranked as high as No. 7 in the world in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in May 2017, Harrison was ranked No. 41 in the men's singles category by the ATP World Tour and is currently ranked No. 5 among the United States men's singles; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has two siblings who are also rising stars in the world of tennis; a younger brother, Christian, plays on the International Tennis Federation juniors circuit; and a younger sister, Madison, currently competes at Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Harrison possesses all the finest qualities of athletic ability, physical fitness, determination, and competitive spirit that make a winner on the court, and he sets a fine example for young aspiring athletes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ryan Harrison for his many accomplishments in competitive tennis and does hereby congratulate him on winning the men's doubles title at the 2017 French Open tennis tournament.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ryan Harrison.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES