

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE LANCE HARRIS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend, posthumously, Paul Candies upon being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame is dedicated to the history of sports in Louisiana, including the achievements of more than three hundred Louisiana athletes, coaches, and other sports figures; and

WHEREAS, for more than a half-century the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame has recognized outstanding achievements in sports activities; and

WHEREAS, Paul Candies began the formidable drag racing partnership of Candies and Hughes in 1964 when Leonard Hughes, who had been racing Chevrolet stockers, wanted to go faster and Paul Candies was the man to help Hughes achieve that goal; and

WHEREAS, by 1968 Candies and Hughes were part of the fledgling Funny Car class in the National Hot Rod Association and set the national record of 7.87 seconds in LaPlace, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 Candies and Hughes had a top speed at the United States Nationals with a national speed record and also won the Winternationals; and

WHEREAS, the Candies and Hughes team won forty-five events, including twenty-eight National Hot Rod Association titles in the Funny Car and Top Fuel classes between 1970 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Candies and Hughes became the first team to win the National Hot Rod Association and the International Hot Rod Association Winston championships in the same year; and

WHEREAS, both Candies and Hughes were inducted into the International Drag Racing Hall of Fame in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Paul Candies, president of the des Allemands-based marine transportation company, Otto Candies, was a longtime supporter of the long-running Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, as chairman of the annual summertime Tarpon Rodeo, Paul Candies was following in the footsteps of his father, Otto, who helped the tarpon rodeo thrive in the early years and eventually became one of the premier fishing tournaments in the entire nation; and

WHEREAS, Paul Candies, who died in 2013, left a strong legacy of excellence in sportsmanship and sports-related endeavors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend, posthumously, Paul Candies upon being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Paul Candies.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES