

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 54

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Joe Cormier III, on his 2019 induction into the International Babe Ruth Hall of Fame and for his many achievements in youth baseball.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Joe Cormier III, upon his 2019 induction into the International Babe Ruth Hall  
3 of Fame and for his many achievements in youth baseball.

4 WHEREAS, a love of sports led seven-year-old Joe Cormier to minor league  
5 baseball, where he played two years; in 1960, Joe moved up to little league baseball, which  
6 served as a springboard to Babe Ruth baseball; in three years, from 1963 to 1965, Joe played  
7 on two Babe Ruth league championship winning teams and tied for the championship in his  
8 final season of play; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1974, Joe served on the stadium committee for the Babe Ruth World  
10 Series, the first world series hosted in Louisiana; played in Abbeville, the series broke  
11 attendance records and was the first one to make a profit for the Babe Ruth league; and

12 WHEREAS, in the twenty years from 1975 to 1995, Joe Cormier coached  
13 15-year-olds in Abbeville, was named assistant coach for the first Louisiana Babe Ruth  
14 13-year-olds state tournament, served as president for the A. A. Comeaux Babe Ruth League  
15 in Abbeville for five years and was inducted into the A. A. Comeaux Vermilion Youth Hall  
16 of Fame for Babe Ruth Baseball; he was also Louisiana Assistant District 3 commissioner,  
17 coached 10-year-olds in the Abbeville Bambino League, was manager of the 10-year-old  
18 Louisiana Bambino and the Southwest Regional runner-up teams, served as assistant director

1 for the 15-year-olds state tournament, and was named financial director for the Cal Ripken  
2 World Series in Abbeville after he raised \$100,000 in three years for the renovation of Ralph  
3 Sellers Field; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe is a member of the national Babe Ruth World Series task force and  
5 the Babe Ruth Golden Alumni Club, chairman of the Babe Ruth Southwest Region Hall of  
6 Fame committee, commissioner of the 13-to-15-year-olds division of the Southwest Region,  
7 and a member of the national Babe Ruth Alumni Association, from which he received the  
8 Golden Bat Award as the top fundraiser in the Southwest Region; he is a member of the  
9 Capital Building Committee; in 2013, Joe established the Louisiana Babe Ruth Hall of  
10 Fame, and since 2014, Chevron Corporation has donated \$1,000 annually to Babe Ruth,  
11 Incorporated, in the name of Joe Cormier in recognition of his many years of volunteerism  
12 to the organization; and

13 WHEREAS, in January 2015, Joe Cormier was inducted into the Louisiana Babe  
14 Ruth Hall of Fame; in April 2015, he was inducted into the Babe Ruth Southwest Region  
15 Hall of Fame and was appointed national vice chairman of the Babe Ruth League Alumni  
16 Association, national chairman of its fundraising development committee, and is a member  
17 of its steering committee with responsibilities for the management and monitoring of  
18 long-term plans and investment projects for the association; and

19 WHEREAS, in recognition of forty-one years of exemplary service to Babe Ruth,  
20 Incorporated, Joe Cormier III, was inducted in February 2019 into the International Babe  
21 Ruth Hall of Fame; he has been named director of the 14-year-olds Southwest Regional  
22 Tournament in Eagle Pass, Texas, which will be played in July 2019, and has been appointed  
23 director of the 2nd Annual Cal Ripken Invitational Tournament in Jansen Beach, Florida,  
24 in August 2019; Joe has ushered more than three thousand children into the world of  
25 baseball and softball in Houma, more than three hundred fifty in St. Francisville, and more  
26 than four hundred in Ascension Parish; and

27 WHEREAS, Joe Cormier III, has dedicated much of his life to introducing and  
28 fostering young athletes in the American favorite pastime of baseball; he believes the heart  
29 of a volunteer is not measured in size, but in the depth of his commitment to making a  
30 difference in the lives of others; it is fitting to recognize his volunteer heart and to herald his

