

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATORS BERNARD AND BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Eli Manning on being inducted into the 2023 class of the 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 talent worthy of being named to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Eli Manning; and

WHEREAS, Elisha Nelson "Eli" Manning, the youngest of three boys born to Olivia and National Football League (NFL) quarterback Archie Manning, was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Eli attended Isidore Newman School where he played football and basketball for the Greenies and in his high school career, Eli passed for a school record 7,389 yards and 89 touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Eli committed to play college football in the Southeastern Conference (SEC) at the University of Mississippi, and during his years with the Rebels, Eli amassed career totals of 829 completions, 10,119 passing yards (fifth on the SEC career list), 81 touchdown passes (third on the SEC career list), a passer rating of 137.7 (tied for sixth on the SEC career list), while setting or tying 45 school records; and

WHEREAS, during his college career, among other awards, Eli was awarded: the Maxwell Award as the nation's best all-around player, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award, the Sporting News Radio Socrates Award, 2003 SEC Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award, 2002 Independence Bowl MVP, and 2003 SBC Cotton Bowl Classic MVP; and

WHEREAS, Eli was selected as the first overall pick of the 2004 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers and traded during the draft to the New York Giants; and

WHEREAS, Eli led the New York Giants into post-season play in 2007, winning the National Football Conference Championship and securing the Giants a trip to Super Bowl XLII, the first Super Bowl appearance for the New York Giants since Super Bowl XXXV in 2001; and

WHEREAS, on the strength of a late fourth quarter drive led by Eli Manning and considered one of the all-time greatest upsets in sports history, the Giants beat the undefeated New England Patriots, 17-14; and

WHEREAS, named the Most Valuable Player of Super Bowl XLII, Eli and his brother Peyton are the only brother combination to play at quarterback in the Super Bowl and the only set of brothers to win Super Bowl MVP, doing so in successive years; and

WHEREAS, Eli was named to his first Pro Bowl on December 16, 2008, making him the first Giants quarterback to earn the honor since Phil Simms in 1993; and

WHEREAS, led by Eli, the Giants entered the 2011 post-season as underdogs, winning the wild card round against the Atlanta Falcons, then stunning the defending Super Bowl champions and top-seeded Green Bay Packers to advance to the NFC Championship where the Giants beat the San Francisco 49ers, securing Eli Manning and the Giants a second trip in five years to the Super Bowl; and

WHEREAS, in the most-watched program in the history of United States television and a highly anticipated Super Bowl XLII rematch against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots, Eli once again led the Giants to an upset victory, his second Super Bowl win, second Super Bowl MVP title (one of only five players to win that honor at least twice), and the Giants' fourth Super Bowl Championship for the franchise; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 season would be Eli's 16th season with the New York Giants, marking a franchise record for the longest tenure for any player in its 94-year history, and, on January 22, 2020, Eli Manning announced his retirement from the NFL; and

WHEREAS, during the September 26, 2021, halftime of the Giants game against the Atlanta Falcons at Metlife Stadium, Eli Manning was inducted into the Giants Ring of Honor and his number 10 jersey was retired; and

WHEREAS, Eli threw for at least 4,000 yards and holds the Giants franchise record for passing yards (57,023), completions (4,895), and touchdowns (366); going into the 2022 season, Eli ranked ninth in NFL history in yards and completions and tenth in touchdown passes; and

WHEREAS, a four-time Pro Bowl pick, Eli Manning played in 236 games with 234 starts and never missed a game because of injury; he started 210 consecutive games from 2004 to 2017, the third-longest streak by a quarterback in league history; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, the 2021 Louisiana High School Hall of Fame inductee has remained involved with football, appearing as the host of *Eli's Places* and co-hosting *ManningCast* with his brother Peyton; and

WHEREAS, Eli will join his father Archie (a 1988 inductee) and older brother Peyton (a 2019 inductee) as the first set of father and two sons in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Eli Manning on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Eli Manning.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE