

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY SENATORS LONG AND THOMPSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to establish and sanction the competitive sport of tournament bass fishing.

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) is to direct and regulate the interscholastic athletics of member schools while promoting fair and equitable competition; and

WHEREAS, the LHSAA currently sanctions one hundred nine championships and twenty-five sports; and

WHEREAS, fishing is as much a part of Louisiana's culture as is football and as much a pastime of Louisianians as is baseball; and

WHEREAS, many of Louisiana's high school students already participate in bass fishing, both on a recreational and competitive level; and

WHEREAS, The Bass Federation's Louisiana chapter recently sponsored a state bass fishing tournament at Caddo Lake that attracted over forty teams representing approximately twenty LHSAA member schools; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs recently unanimously approved adding a junior division to its ranks with the hope of attracting high school teams as members; and

WHEREAS, the high school athletic associations in Illinois, Kentucky, and South Carolina currently sanction bass fishing as a championship sport; and

WHEREAS, by sanctioning bass fishing as a competitive sport, the LHSAA would create another avenue for students to participate in interscholastic competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to establish and sanction the competitive sport of tournament bass fishing.

**SCR NO. 22**

**ENROLLED**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
LHSAA Commissioner Kenny Henderson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES