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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Oscar Lofton of Hammond for his accomplishments and contributions to his community, state, and nation

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Oscar Lofton of Hammond for his outstanding accomplishments and
3	contributions to his community, state, and nation.
4	WHEREAS, over the years, Louisiana has produced many great athletes who have
5	made a significant impact on the world of sports, and Oscar Lofton is one of these
6	extraordinary sports legends; and
7	WHEREAS, as a student at Southeastern Louisiana University, Oscar Lofton was a
8	star athlete who lettered in three sports, football, basketball, and track and field; and
9	WHEREAS, immediately following college, Mr. Lofton signed with the Boston
10	Patriots in the brand new American Football League, and he made his mark on history on
11	July 30, 1960, by scoring a touchdown on a sixty-yard catch-and-run in the league's first-
12	ever game; and
13	WHEREAS, in 1961, Mr. Lofton was drafted into the United States Army, and when
14	he rejoined his team in 1963, he was injured at training camp and made the transition into
15	playing semiprofessional football and coaching, beginning at Holy Cross College; and
16	WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton's long and highly productive coaching career in Louisiana
17	included leading Hammond High School to a state championship, coaching at Tulane
18	University, and serving with great distinction as head coach of the Lions of Southeastern
19	Louisiana University from 1980 until 1985; he also served as athletic director at SLU from
20	1979 until 1980; and

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1	WHEREAS, Mr. Lofton ultimately coached for a total of twenty-eight years at the
2	high school, college, military, and semiprofessional levels, inspiring countless young people
3	to be the best that they could be, and he spent another twenty-one years as a scout, six years
4	for National Football Scouting and fifteen years for the San Francisco 49ers before his
5	retirement in 2007; and
6	WHEREAS, for his many achievements at SLU and his manifold contributions to
7	his alma mater, Mr. Lofton was inducted into the Southeastern Athletics Hall of Fame; and
8	WHEREAS, in addition to his many achievements in athletics, Mr. Lofton is a deeply
9	beloved member of the Hammond community who has earned the respect and admiration
10	of the countless citizens whose lives he has touched; and
11	WHEREAS, Oscar Lofton, one of Louisiana's finest sons, merits a special measure
12	of commendation for his singular achievements.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana House of Representatives does
14	hereby commend Oscar Lofton for his outstanding accomplishments and contributions; does
15	hereby recognize and record for posterity his exceptional achievements as an athlete, coach,
16	scout, and citizen; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride
17	and honor that he brings to his family and friends, to the Hammond community, to
18	Southeastern Louisiana University, to the state of Louisiana, and to the United States of
19	America.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21	to Oscar Lofton.

DIGEST

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