

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 130

BY SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Julian Bailes Jr. on receiving the 2016 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Dave Dixon Award is presented annually by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's thirty-member Hall of Fame selection committee to an individual who has played a decisive role as a sports leader or administrator benefitting Louisiana or bringing credit to Louisiana on the national or international level; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Dave Dixon Award is presented to Dr. Julian Bailes Jr. upon his induction to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailes is a native of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and was an all-state linebacker at Natchitoches Academy and walk-on football player for Northwestern State University, and he went on to pursue a medical degree from Louisiana State University medical school; and

WHEREAS, he has become a world-renowned neurosurgeon specializing in the field of sports-related concussion research, and has served as an advisor to the National Football League Players Association, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Competitive Safeguards and Medical Safety Committees, the Southeastern Conference, and Pop Warner football; and

WHEREAS, he has testified in front of the United States Congress regarding safety aspects of sports, particularly concussion-related injuries in football and has been instrumental in implementing return-to-play protocols in all fifty states and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bailes serves as the chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery and as co-director of the NorthShore Neurological Institute in Chicago, is a founding member and director of the Brain Injury Research Institute, and in 2011 was inducted into the Louisiana State University Hall of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, the influential and successful career of Dr. Julian Bailes Jr. has rightly earned him the 2016 Dave Dixon Sports Leadership Award and his place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Julian Bailes Jr. on receiving the 2016 Dave Dixon Sports Leadership Award and for being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Julian Bailes Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES