

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATOR BISHOP

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Commends Tulane University on its decision to retire No.18 in all sports in honor of Devon Walker.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tulane University on retiring No. 18 in all sports in honor of Devon Walker.

3 WHEREAS, it has been announced by Tulane athletic director Troy Dannen that as  
4 of the start of the 2018-19 academic year, No. 18 will be retired from all sports; and

5 WHEREAS, former Tulane football player Devon Walker, who wore No. 18,  
6 suffered a career-ending spinal injury that left him wheelchair-bound in Tulane's game at  
7 Tulsa in September of 2012, returned to graduate in 2014 with a degree in cell and molecular  
8 biology and is working on a master's degree in neuroscience; and

9 WHEREAS, Devon Walker has shown incredible courage in the face of unspeakable  
10 adversity; and

11 WHEREAS, Devon Walker, after playing high school ball for Destrehan, walked-on  
12 at Tulane in 2009 and became a four-year letterman, making 58 tackles in 32 games while  
13 starting three times and earning a scholarship along the way; and

14 WHEREAS, he started the first two games in 2012 at strong safety before getting  
15 hurt in a collision with teammate Julian Warmesley on the last play of the first half at Tulsa  
16 and after being taken from the field in an ambulance, he had a three-hour surgery at an  
17 Oklahoma hospital and was in hospitals for months as he recovered; and

18 WHEREAS, following his injury, Walker received the Disney Spirit Award, an

1 honor given annually by Disney Sports to college football's most inspirational figures; and

2 WHEREAS, no Tulane football player has worn No. 18 since Walker; and

3 WHEREAS, Tulane University will hold a retirement ceremony at one of its home  
4 football games next fall, with the date to be selected before the season.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
6 does hereby commend Tulane University on retiring No. 18 in all sports in honor of Devon  
7 Walker.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
9 Tulane athletic director Troy Dannen and Devon Walker.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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