

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY SENATORS PEACOCK, ALARIO, ALLAIN, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER,  
DONAHUE, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, MILKOVICH, MILLS,  
PERRY, PETERSON, GARY SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON AND  
WALSWORTH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Doug Pederson, head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League, on his many career accomplishments and to congratulate him on the Eagles' 2018 Super Bowl LII (52) victory.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana is proud to honor Coach Doug Pederson and the Philadelphia Eagles football team on an extraordinary 2017-2018 winning season that brought the Eagles its first Super Bowl win in franchise history; and

WHEREAS, Coach Pederson has proved himself to be a leader of the highest caliber, a catalyst who motivates athletes to work together, to exceed personal expectations, to attempt seemingly unattainable goals, to demonstrate a highly competitive nature and esprit de corps, and to perform as a team made of many cohesive parts; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bellingham, Washington, Doug Pederson was gifted with exceptional athletic prowess as a three-sport letterman in football, basketball, and baseball at Ferndale High School; he was named to the All-State teams in each sport by the Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Pederson attended Northeast Louisiana University, now known as the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM), and earned a bachelor's degree in business management; a star quarterback for the Northeast Indians football team, he played from 1987 until 1990; and some of his passing records at ULM remain unbroken today; and

WHEREAS, before his coaching career began, Doug Pederson enjoyed a twelve-year career as a quarterback in the NFL from 1992 until 2004 as a member of the Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, Philadelphia Eagles, and Cleveland Browns; and

WHEREAS, during his years as a player, he was coached by some of the most successful coaches in the NFL, including Don Shula, Mike Holmgren, and Andy Reid; and

Pederson played alongside outstanding quarterbacks such as Brett Favre, Dan Marino, Donovan McNabb, and Jim McMahon; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the NFL in 2005, Pederson became head coach of the Calvary Baptist Academy Cavaliers football team in Shreveport, Louisiana; the fledgling sports program at Calvary had just begun its second year; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Coach Pederson maintained a regular season record of 33-7 and a postseason record of 8-3; the Cavaliers were in the state playoffs all four years he coached; and in 2007, he led the Cavaliers team to its first district title; and

WHEREAS, Doug Pederson accepted an NFL assistant coaching position with the Eagles organization but then followed Coach Andy Reid to the Kansas City Chiefs to serve as offensive coordinator; and

WHEREAS, in January 2016, Doug Pederson was hired by the Eagles organization as its head coach with a combination of nineteen years of NFL experience as both a coach and player; and

WHEREAS, during the 2017-2018 season, Coach Pederson and the Philadelphia Eagles team racked up an exceptional record of 13 wins and 3 losses in regular season play, then continued to advance by winning the National Football Conference (NFC) East Division playoffs against the Atlanta Falcons by 15-10 and then the NFC Championship title against the Minnesota Vikings with a score of 38-7, and trounced the defending Super Bowl champions, the New England Patriots, by a score of 41-33 to win the 2018 Super Bowl in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the U.S. Bank Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Doug Pederson is just one of four individuals to win a Super Bowl as both an NFL player and a head coach; the other player/coaches are Mike Ditka, Tom Flores, and Tony Dungy; and

WHEREAS, Coach Doug Pederson focused the remarkable talents and determination of his coaching staff and players to culminate a dynamic winning season and to produce a phenomenal win over the New England Patriots to secure the 2018 Super Bowl LII title.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Doug Pederson, head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, on his many career accomplishments and to congratulate him on the Eagles' 2018 Super Bowl LII victory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express best wishes for Coach Pederson and continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Coach Doug Pederson of the Philadelphia Eagles.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES