

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Steve Gleason upon being awarded the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Steve Gleason on receiving the 2018 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership
3 Award.

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

9 WHEREAS, the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award is named in honor
10 of Hall of Famer Dave Dixon, the driving force behind bringing the National Football
11 League to Louisiana with the creation of the New Orleans Saints franchise, and the man who
12 is also considered the "father" of the Mercedes-Benz Louisiana Superdome; and

13 WHEREAS, retired New Orleans Saints football player Steve Gleason is the 2018
14 recipient of the Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award presented by the Louisiana
15 Sports Hall of Fame; and

16 WHEREAS, Steve Gleason was a standout dual collegiate sport athlete at
17 Washington State University where he started as a linebacker in the 1997 Rose Bowl, and
18 started four years for the Cougars baseball team; and

1 WHEREAS, Steve Gleason was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity while
2 attending Washington State University; and

3 WHEREAS, as a professional football player, Steve Gleason was originally signed
4 as an undrafted free agent and played for the New Orleans Saints from 2000 through
5 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, on September 25, 2006, Steve Gleason earned a permanent place in
7 Saints lore when he blocked a punt against a rival team in the first quarter of the game; and

8 WHEREAS, the blocked punt resulted in a touchdown and was one of the most
9 dramatic moments in New Orleans Saints history; and

10 WHEREAS, that touchdown marked the first score in New Orleans in nearly
11 twenty-one months, during which time Hurricane Katrina had devastated the city of
12 New Orleans and the team; and

13 WHEREAS, a statue depicting Steve Gleason blocking the punt was raised outside
14 the Superdome as a symbol of New Orleans' resilience in the face of disaster; and

15 WHEREAS, two years after retiring from the New Orleans Saints, Steve Gleason
16 was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), better known as Lou Gehrig's
17 disease; and

18 WHEREAS, Steve Gleason, along with his friends and family, started Team Gleason
19 which is designed to generate public awareness for ALS, raise funds to help those fighting
20 the disease, and ultimately find a cure for the disease; and

21 WHEREAS, Steve Gleason's continuing efforts and his indomitable lifestyle have
22 made national and global impact; and

23 WHEREAS, Steve Gleason will be among the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame
24 induction class to be spotlighted at the annual induction dinner and ceremonies on Saturday
25 evening, June thirtieth, at the Natchitoches Event Center.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
27 commend Steve Gleason on receiving the 2018 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership
28 Award.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
30 Steve Gleason.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Xavier I. Alexander.

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