

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Russ Springer on being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talents worthy of being named to the hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, Russ Springer was born November 7, 1968, in Alexandria and attended Louisiana State University, where as a freshman he set an SEC strikeout-per-nine-innings record and went on to have a 19-10 career record with a 3.39 ERA and 313 career strikeouts in 252 innings while pitching for the Tigers; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, he began his professional baseball career as a seventh-round pick of the New York Yankees and would appear in 740 games over a long and distinguished career in Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, from 1992-2010, Russ played an impressive 18 major league seasons for 10 different teams and accumulated 755 strikeouts over 856 innings; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 and 2008 while playing for the St. Louis Cardinals he had a career high and went 10-2 with an average ERA of 2.25 and 111 strikeouts; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Russ Springer received the prestigious Darryl Kile Good Guy Award for exemplifying the traits of a good teammate, a great friend, a fine father, and a humble man; and

WHEREAS, his skills and contributions helped bring three teams to the World Series throughout his career, the 1999 Atlanta Braves, the 2001 Arizona Diamondbacks, and the 2005 Houston Astros; and

WHEREAS, Russ Springer's impeccable pitching in Game 6 of the 1999 National League Division Series against the New York Mets clinched the National League pennant for the Atlanta Braves; and

WHEREAS, the influential and successful career of Russ Springer has rightly earned him a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Russ Springer on being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Russ Springer.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES