

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Scooter Hobbs on being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Scooter Hobbs for receiving the 2018 Distinguished Service  
3 Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall  
4 of Fame Induction Class.

5 WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most  
6 prestigious honor offered to sports media in Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, inductees are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a  
8 thirty-five member expert panel of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame (LSHOF) selection  
9 committee based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional, and national  
10 arenas; and

11 WHEREAS, Scooter Hobbs, a Springhill native, is one of the most decorated  
12 sportswriters in state history, collecting nearly 200 LSWA writing awards in the  
13 organization's annual contest while also claiming a couple of national honors from the  
14 Associated Press Sports Editors; and

15 WHEREAS, a colorful writer and personality, Scooter Hobbs has been entertaining  
16 and informing sports fans at the Lake Charles American Press (LCAP) since graduating from  
17 LSU in 1979, particularly for his insightful coverage of LSU sports; and

18 WHEREAS, he has also been a statewide columnist with the LSU fan publication,

1 Tiger Rag; and

2 WHEREAS, Hobbs was hired by LSHOF member/2015 DSA winner Bobby Dower,  
3 succeeded Dower as LCAP sports editor in 1992 and has retained that role since and, in  
4 recent years, he has also co-hosted a weekly sports talk cable television show in the Lake  
5 Charles market; and

6 WHEREAS, his astounding career totals in LSWA writing contests are 87 firsts, 51  
7 seconds, and 35 thirds; he has won LSWA Sportswriter of the Year five times (2003, 2004,  
8 2008, 2010, 2013), been Columnist of the Year eight times (1997, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2009,  
9 2012, 2014, 2015), and won the Mac Russo Award in 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, in the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press writing contests he has  
11 16 wins, six seconds, and five thirds; Hobbs also has captured third and fourth places in the  
12 APSE national competitions with sporadic entries through his career; and

13 WHEREAS, a former LSWA president, Hobbs has been a member of the Hall of  
14 Fame selection committee since the early 1980s and has also demonstrated an eye for talent  
15 with his hires at LCAP; and

16 WHEREAS, the long and successful career of Scooter Hobbs has rightly earned him  
17 the 2018 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a place among the many  
18 greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
20 does hereby commend and congratulate Scooter Hobbs for receiving the 2018 Distinguished  
21 Service Award in Sports Journalism and for being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall  
22 of Fame Induction Class.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
24 Scooter Hobbs.

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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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