

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATOR BERNARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend Teddy Allen upon receiving the 2022 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2022 class of the 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 talent worthy of being named to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious honor offered to sports media in the state and recipients are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a forty-member expert panel based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional, and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Allen, an acclaimed north Louisiana writer, has been selected for the 2022 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association and a member of the 2022 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class; and

WHEREAS, Allen graduated from Louisiana Tech University having earned a bachelors degree in 1982 and a masters degree in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Allen has been recognized as north Louisiana's preeminent feature columnist for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, since the mid-1980s, Allen has accumulated numerous awards from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA) and has been nationally recognized for his work for the *Shreveport Journal*, *The Times* in Shreveport, and *The Times-Picayune* in New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Allen has won the Associated Press Sports Editors national feature writing award multiple times, the LSWA Story of the Year, the LSWA Columnist of the Year, and the LSWA Sportswriter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Allen has won both the Ernie Pyle Award as the top columnist in Mississippi and Louisiana, and Columnist of the Year in the Louisiana National Press; and

WHEREAS, Allen's work has been featured in the Poynter Institute's annual "Best Newspaper Writing"; and

WHEREAS, Allen is the author of three books and is the co-founder of *DesignatedWriters.com*, an online publication including columns, features, and videos of his work; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Allen returned to his alma mater as a writer in the university's communication department; doing extensive radio broadcasting over the past ten years for Tech sports; and serving as a master of ceremonies at many university events; and

WHEREAS, Teddy Allen has served as the master of ceremonies for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, year after year, for the better part of the last two decades.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Teddy Allen for receiving the 2022 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2022 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Teddy Allen.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE