

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Ron Washington on being inducted into the 2023 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 2023 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Ron Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ron "Wash" Washington played Major League Baseball (MLB) for 10 seasons with five teams: the Los Angeles Dodgers, Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians, Houston Astros, and Minnesota Twins; and

WHEREAS, a middle infielder, the New Orleans native hit .261 in 564 career games (1977, and 1981–1989) before becoming a coach with the New York Mets and the Oakland Athletics; as a coach he helped develop some of baseball's top young infielders in the 1990s and early 2000s; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2006, Ron Washington was hired by the Texas Rangers as their field manager and held that position for eight seasons; and

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2014, Ron Washington had five winning seasons and compiled a record of 664-611 with his best seasons being 2010 to 2013 when he won at least 90 games each year; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington is the Texas Rangers' all-time wins leader with his 582nd victory on August 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington became the second Rangers' manager to lead his team to the post season when they won the 2010 Major League Baseball American League West title, going 90-72 in the regular season; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington became the franchise's first manager to win a playoff series when the Rangers beat Tampa Bay in the 2010 American League Division Series and advanced to the organization's first World Series; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington became the third African-American manager to guide a baseball team to the World Series; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Ron Washington led the Rangers to a career-best record of 96-66, a second straight division title, and another MLB World Series appearance; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington was the manager of the American League All-Star team in 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Ron Washington won a Major League Baseball World Series Championship ring as the third base coach of the Atlanta Braves; and

WHEREAS, Ron remains active as a coach with the Braves, one of MLB's best teams entering the 2023 season; and

WHEREAS, Ron Washington has maintained his residence in his hometown of New Orleans, living there in the offseason while actively engaging local youth in baseball instructional opportunities and being a very positive community influence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ron Washington on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ron Washington.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE