

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 49

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Ray Sibille on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Ray Sibille; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sibille, a native of Sunset, Louisiana, dedicated thirty-five years of his life to the sport of horse racing, demonstrating remarkable skill, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout his illustrious career; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sibille retired from racing in 2004, leaving behind a legacy of excellence that includes an extraordinary record of 4,264 wins, with his first win at Evangeline Downs in July 1969, where he began his journey in horse racing on the Louisiana bush tracks; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Ray Sibille's mounts earned a total of \$68,880,807, reflecting not only his exceptional talent but also his ability to form successful partnerships with his horses; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the sport of thoroughbred racing, Ray Sibille was honored with the prestigious George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award in 2005, a testament to his remarkable career achievements and personal character, which positively impacted both himself and the sport of horse racing; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sibille's achievements include winning the Breeders Cup Turf in 1988 aboard Great Communicator, as well as securing riding titles at renowned Midwest tracks such as Arlington Park, Hawthorne, and Sportsman's Park in the 1970s, where he set a record of one hundred five wins in 1981, a record that stood until 1992, and achieved his 4,000th win in 2000; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Ray Sibille exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of his peers, fans, and the entire horse racing community; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sibille's contributions extended beyond the racetrack, as he served as a dedicated member of the Jockey's Guild for thirty-one years, offering his expertise and leadership on the board of directors and the financial committee; and

WHEREAS, Ray Sibille's remarkable achievements, unwavering dedication, and enduring legacy in the sport of horse racing have significantly contributed to the enrichment of Louisiana's cultural heritage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ray Sibille on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ray Sibille.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES