

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Daniel Cormier 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 Daniel Cormier; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier, a native of Lafayette, Louisiana, has distinguished himself as one of the most accomplished wrestlers and mixed martial artists in history; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's journey in athletics began at Northside High School, where he showcased exceptional talent in wrestling, amassing an impressive record of one hundred and one wins and nine losses, and securing three consecutive Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) Division I state titles from 1995 to 1997, while also being twice honored as the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the tournament; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's prowess extended beyond the borders of Louisiana, as evidenced by his bronze medal win in the World Championships in Greco-Roman Wrestling Cadet division and his subsequent success at Colby Community College in Kansas, where he maintained an undefeated record of sixty-one wins and zero losses, and earned All-America honors at Oklahoma State University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's achievements in freestyle wrestling are unparalleled, with an impressive string of six consecutive gold medals at the USA Wrestling championships from 2003 to 2008, along with capturing gold at the Pan American Championships in 2002 and 2003, and at the Pan Am Games in 2003, while also representing the United States in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier seamlessly transitioned to mixed martial arts, embarking on a remarkable career in Strikeforce, where he won his first eleven bouts, claimed the King of the Cage heavyweight championship, and emerged victorious in the 2012 Strikeforce Heavyweight Grand Prix before making his mark in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC); and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's tenure in the UFC is marked by historic achievements, including becoming the second UFC fighter to hold titles in two different weight classes simultaneously and being the first to defend titles in two divisions, solidifying his legacy as one of the greatest fighters of all-time; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's achievements have been duly recognized through his induction into prestigious halls of fame, including the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame, the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame, and the UFC Hall of Fame, as well as his receipt of the George Tragos Award from the Professional Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's contributions to the world of combat sports extend beyond his own achievements, as he continues to share his expertise and insights as a combat sports analyst with ESPN and a commentator for UFC events; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Cormier's remarkable journey, from his humble beginnings in Lafayette to his ascent to the pinnacle of combat sports, serves as an inspiration to countless athletes and fans alike.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Daniel Cormier 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 Daniel Cormier.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES