

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 55

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Seimone Augustus on being inducted into the 2024 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, talent, and accomplishment worthy of being named to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Seimone Augustus; and

WHEREAS, Seimone Augustus, born on April 30, 1984, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has made indelible contributions to the sport of basketball at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels; and

WHEREAS, Seimone's remarkable career as a point guard/forward began at Capitol High School in Baton Rouge, where she led the Lions to unprecedented success, boasting a record of 138-7, securing Class 4A titles in 2001 and 2002, and earning recognition as a four-time Class 4A Most Valuable Player (MVP) and Miss Basketball in 2001 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Seimone's talent shone brightly on the national stage even during her high school years, as evidenced by her selection to the inaugural McDonald's Girls All-America game, where she showcased her skills with 16 points and 12 rebounds and being named MVP; and

WHEREAS, continuing her legacy at Louisiana State University (LSU), Seimone further solidified her status as a basketball icon, scoring 2,702 career points with the Tigers, leading the team to a remarkable 114-17 record, and guiding them to three National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four appearances, all while garnering numerous accolades, including being named the U.S. Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) National Freshman of the Year in 2003 and sweeping National Player of the Year awards in 2005 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, Seimone's professional career in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) with the Minnesota Lynx is marked by unparalleled success, highlighted by her selection as the No. 1 draft pick in 2006, winning four WNBA titles with the Lynx, and amassing 6,005 career points, placing her among the top scorers in WNBA history; and

WHEREAS, Seimone's excellence extends beyond domestic competition, as she has also excelled on the international stage, contributing to three gold medal-winning U.S. Olympic teams in 2008, 2012, and 2016, and earning recognition as the Euro Cup MVP in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Seimone's achievements have been duly recognized through the retirement of her No. 33 jersey by LSU in 2010 and the Lynx in 2022; the unveiling of a statue at LSU in 2023; induction into prestigious halls of fame, including the National High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2019, the Minnesota Sports Hall of Fame in 2021, the women's Basketball Hall of Fame in April 2024, and selection as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame's Class of 2024; all cementing her status as one of the greatest basketball players of all time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Seimone Augustus 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 Seimone Augustus.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES