

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kevin Mawae upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kevin Mawae, LSU and NFL football great, upon the occasion of his
3 induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and was
5 intended, in the words of Otis Harris, sports editor of the *Shreveport Journal*, to be "the
6 Louisiana Hall of Fame – a hall of fame for the state's greatest athletes, men or women,
7 amateur or professional, living or dead"; and

8 WHEREAS, though the Hall of Fame was begun over fifty years ago, it is only this
9 year that it has a permanent and appropriate home to recognize Louisiana's greatest sports
10 heroes, for on Friday, June 28, 2013, the grand opening will be held for the stunning twenty-
11 three million dollar Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History
12 Museum in the National Historic District of Natchitoches; and

13 WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the
14 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 29, 2013, is Kevin Mawae, who was an
15 outstanding left tackle, left guard, center, and long snapper for the Louisiana State University
16 (LSU) Tigers from 1990-1993, who truly meets the standard for the Hall of Fame, for he is
17 surely one of the state's greatest athletes; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mawae earned first-team All-SEC honors in 1991, and he capped
19 his college career with the prestigious honor of being selected to play in both the Blue-Gray
20 Game and the Senior Bowl; and

1 WHEREAS, upon being selected in the second round of the 1994 National Football
2 League (NFL) draft by the Seattle Seahawks as the thirty-sixth player taken overall,
3 Mr. Mawae played his first two NFL seasons at guard, moving to center in 1996 and playing
4 the position for the next fourteen years for the Seahawks, the New York Jets, and the
5 Tennessee Titans; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Mawae was one of the NFL's top offensive linemen for sixteen
7 seasons, and he started an amazing two hundred thirty-eight out of two hundred forty-one
8 games he played in the NFL, including twelve years in which he started all sixteen regular
9 season games; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Mawae was named to seven All-Pro teams, including the
11 Associated Press first team three times, and he was selected to the Pro Bowl eight times, six
12 of which were consecutive selections from 1999-2004, with his final two Pro Bowl
13 selections in 2008 and 2009 when he was in his late thirties; and

14 WHEREAS, during the 2008 offseason, Mr. Mawae spent two weeks with his family
15 in Africa where they worked with Children's Cup International Relief, and he served on the
16 Players Association Executive Committee from 2002-2013, capping his tenure there with
17 a four-year term as president, a role in which he was instrumental in resolving the 2011 labor
18 dispute; and

19 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Kevin Mawae for his
20 peerless athletic career and for his well-deserved induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall
21 of Fame, for he is truly one of Louisiana's greatest athletes.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kevin Mawae upon the occasion of his
24 induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to Kevin Mawae.

DIGEST

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