

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVES BROWN AND COX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Joe Macaluso for receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most prestigious honor offered to sports media in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, inductees are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a thirty-member expert panel of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame selection committee based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, as one of Louisiana's most respected, admired and recognized outdoor writers, Mr. Macaluso's forty-plus year career includes extensive work covering a wide array of sports beats for the print media and also serving as a TV show host and correspondent on outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macaluso's first byline story appeared in March 1970, in the Baton Rouge Advocate, and he has worked steadily for the Baton Rouge State-Times and then the Advocate since his first publication and remains in their employ today as the "Fishing Report & The Wild Side" columnist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macaluso has been awarded or recognized more than seventy times as a top three finisher for his work by state, regional and national professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, his most notable awards include the Associated Press national honors for a series, then the game story on Eddie Robinson breaking Bear Bryant's career win record and a series of stories on the devastating effects of Hurricane Andrew on the Atchafalaya Basin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macaluso was a recipient of the Governor's Conservationist of the Year Award in the Communicator Category in 2007, received the Arthur Van Pelt Lifetime Achievement Award from the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association in 2010, and was named to the Louisiana American-Italian Sports Hall of Fame in 2011; and

WHEREAS, venturing into television, Mr. Macaluso conceived the idea, then was director and co-host for the award winning "Paradise Louisiana", a groundbreaking one-hour outdoors magazine TV show airing weekly on Louisiana cable systems for nearly ten years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macaluso has also been an outdoors reporter for WBRZ-TV in Baton Rouge, the Louisiana contributor to the World Encyclopedia of Fishing, a correspondent for Sports Illustrated, and a contributing writer for Baseball America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Macaluso is a beloved figure among his colleagues and especially to his readers and the people in the Baton Rouge area and is truly deserving of this prestigious honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the numerous accomplishments and extraordinary career of Joe Macaluso and commends and congratulates him for receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joe Macaluso.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES