

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Alan Faneca upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, Alan Faneca, born on December 7, 1976, in New Orleans, Louisiana, began his outstanding football career at Lamar Consolidated High School in Rosenberg, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faneca continued playing football after being diagnosed with epilepsy at age 15 and played for the LSU Tigers football team from 1994 to 1997; he was voted the Southeastern Conference freshman of the year by the *Knoxville News Sentinel* in 1995, was selected as a second-team All-American in 1996, and was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American and was one of three finalists for the Outland Trophy in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Alan Faneca started his last thirty-six games at LSU and allowed only one sack in his final season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faneca was a first-round draft pick for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the National Football League in 1998, where he earned Rookie of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he returned to school and earned a degree in management entrepreneurship in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Alan Faneca played ten years with the Pittsburgh Steelers, two years with the New York Jets, and one with the Arizona Cardinals, was voted to nine consecutive Pro Bowls, and was a six-time Associated Press All-Pro first-team pick; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Faneca played on the Steelers team that won Super Bowl XL, he was named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame's All-2000s team, and he was chosen to be on the Steelers' 75th anniversary all-time team in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Alan Faneca currently does extensive charitable work with the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Alan Faneca upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Alan Faneca.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES