

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Shane Reynolds upon his induction into the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in June and to congratulate him on an outstanding career as a Major League Baseball pitcher.

WHEREAS, a native of Bastrop, Louisiana, Shane Reynolds was born on Tuesday, March 26, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds graduated from Ouachita Christian School in 1986 and spent time at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama, before finishing his college career at the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds began his successful career when he was drafted in the third round of the 1989 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the Houston Astros; and

WHEREAS, Shane Reynolds was twenty-four years old when he broke into the big leagues on July 20, 1992, with the Houston Astros, where he remained until 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 1998 and 1999, Mr. Reynolds led the National League with over thirty-five starts in each season; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds won ten or more games six times in his career, with his best season coming in 1998 when he was nineteen wins and eight losses with a 3.51 earned run average and two hundred nine strikeouts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds won sixteen games in 1996 and 1999 and finished in the top ten in strikeouts five times between 1994 and 1999; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Mr. Reynolds pitched an exceptional one hundred three wins and eighty-six losses season, earning him a position in the all-star game; and

WHEREAS, besides being an exceptional pitcher, Mr. Reynolds was talented as a batter, posting a .141 career average with five home runs; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the Astros, Mr. Reynolds played with the Atlanta Braves in 2003 and the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2004; and

WHEREAS, with his outstanding talent and gifted pitching arm, Mr. Reynolds earned several opening day starts throughout his impressive career, pitching thirteen seasons in the Major League with a one hundred fourteen wins and ninety-six losses career record; and

WHEREAS, longtime Astros trainer, Dr. Gene Coleman, compared Mr. Reynolds' work ethic to that of Nolan Ryan; and

WHEREAS, because of the pride that Mr. Reynolds brings to his alma mater, Ouachita Christian School, and his remarkable career in the Major League, on Thursday, April 24, Ouachita Christian School Baseball honored him by retiring his number, 37; and

WHEREAS, Shane Reynolds' phenomenal and successful career as a professional pitcher and his induction into the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame bring great pride to the people of Louisiana who are honored to have him as a native son.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Shane Reynolds on his induction into the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and on his long and memorable career as a Major League Baseball pitcher.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Shane Reynolds.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES