

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR ALARIO AND REPRESENTATIVE KLECKLEY

LSU SYSTEM. Requests the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to erect a statue memorializing Peter Press "Pistol Pete" Maravich at the entrance of the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
3 and Mechanical College to erect a statue memorializing Peter Press "Pistol Pete"
4 Maravich at the entrance of the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

5 WHEREAS, Peter Press "Pistol Pete" Maravich was born June 22, 1947, in
6 Aliquippa, Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Pistol Pete's father, Press Maravich, showed Pete the fundamentals of
8 basketball starting when he was seven years old; and

9 WHEREAS, Pete played high school varsity basketball at Daniel High School in
10 Central, South Carolina, a year before being old enough to attend the school; and

11 WHEREAS, Press changed coaching jobs from Clemson University to North
12 Carolina State University and Pete played basketball for Needham B. Broughton High
13 School; and

14 WHEREAS, while in high school, Pete developed his famous habit of shooting the
15 basketball from his side, as if holding a revolver, and received his nickname "Pistol Pete";
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Press was the men's basketball coach at Louisiana State University and
18 Agricultural and Mechanical College (LSU) and Pistol Pete decided to play basketball for

1 his father at LSU starting in 1966; and

2 WHEREAS, the skinny kid with the floppy hair, the droopy socks, and amazing flair
3 and genius with a basketball scored fifty points and had fourteen rebounds and eleven assists
4 in his first game on the LSU freshman team and scored seven hundred forty-one points in
5 his freshman year; and

6 WHEREAS, in three years of playing for his father at LSU on the varsity team from
7 1968 through 1970, Pistol Pete scored three thousand six hundred sixty-seven points,
8 averaged 44.2 points per game in eighty-three contests, and led the NCAA in scoring in each
9 of those years; and

10 WHEREAS, Pistol Pete's amazing scoring record is particularly impressive when
11 taking into account the following two factors: NCAA rules prohibited him from playing in
12 varsity competition as a freshman and he played before the inception of the three-point line;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, some of Pistol Pete's career highlights while at LSU include the
15 following: three-year letter winner; the Sporting News College Player of the Year (1970);
16 Naismith Award Winner (1970); three-time Sporting News All-America First Team (1968,
17 1969, and 1970); three-time AP and UPI First Team All-America (1968, 1969, and 1970);
18 NCAA career record for most points (3,667) in eighty-three games; NCAA career record for
19 highest points per game average (44.2); NCAA record for most field goals made (1,387) and
20 attempted (3,166), most free throws made (893) and attempted (1,152), and most games
21 scoring at least fifty points (28 games); NCAA single-season record for most points (1,381)
22 and highest per game average (44 points per game) in 1970; ranks first, fourth, and fifth for
23 most points in a single season in NCAA history, averaging 44.5 points in 1970, 44.2 points
24 in 1969, and 43.8 points in 1968; NCAA single-season record for most field goals made
25 (522) and attempted (1,168) in 1970; NCAA single-season record for most games scoring
26 at least fifty points (10 games) in 1970; NCAA single-season record for most free throws
27 made (30 of 31) that occurred on December 22, 1969, in a game against Oregon State
28 University; NCAA Division I leader in scoring with 43.8 points per game (1968), 44.2 points
29 per game (1969), and 44.5 points per game (1970); averaged 43.6 points per game on the
30 LSU freshman team (1967); scored a career high 69 points versus University of Alabama on

1 February 7, 1970; holds LSU records for most field goals in a game (26) that occurred on
2 January 29, 1969, in a game against Vanderbilt University; All-Southeastern Conference in
3 1968, 1969, and 1970; led LSU to the NIT Final Four in 1970, its first post-season
4 appearance in sixteen years; in 1970, led LSU to a 20-8 record and third place finish in the
5 NIT; and All-Time NCAA career scoring leader with 3,667 points; and

6 WHEREAS, Pistol Pete has been inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame,
7 the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame, and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall
8 of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and appropriate for a statue to be erected in the memory
10 and honor of Peter Press "Pistol Pete" Maravich.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
13 and Mechanical College to erect a statue memorializing Peter Press "Pistol Pete" Maravich
14 at the entrance of the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
17 College.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

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