

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ben M. Sheets on being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Ben M. Sheets on being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports  
3 Hall of Fame Induction Class.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year  
5 collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of  
6 sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talents worthy of being named to the hall  
7 of fame; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes  
9 baseball legend Ben M. Sheets; and

10 WHEREAS, he was born July 18, 1978, and grew up in St. Amant, Louisiana; and

11 WHEREAS, he attended Northeast Louisiana University on a baseball scholarship  
12 and became a start pitcher, once striking out twenty batters in a single game against  
13 Louisiana Tech University; and

14 WHEREAS, Ben M. Sheets began his professional career when he was drafted by  
15 the Milwaukee Brewers in 1999, and that same year was promoted to Class A Stockton of  
16 the California League, and averaged a strikeout ratio of 10.09 batters per nine innings; and

17 WHEREAS, he was named Major League Baseball All-Star in 2001, 2004, 2007, and  
18 2008; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2000, he was chosen to play on the United States national team for  
2 the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia, where he pitched for twenty-two innings  
3 and struck out eleven batters, walked one, and gave up eleven hits during the tournament;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, his successful career continued with the Oakland Athletics and the  
6 Atlanta Braves, for whom he played his final game on October 3, 2013, before retiring from  
7 professional baseball; and

8           WHEREAS, the stellar career of Ben M. Sheets has rightly earned him a place  
9 among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

10           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
11 commend and congratulate Ben M. Sheets on being named to the 2016 Louisiana Sports Hall  
12 of Fame Induction Class.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
14 Ben M. Sheets.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by McHenry Lee.

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DIGEST

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