

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES