

2017 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sue Donohoe on receiving the 2017 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sue Donohoe on receiving the 2017 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership
3 Award and being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

4 WHEREAS, the Dave Dixon Award is presented annually by the Louisiana Sports
5 Writers Association's thirty-member Hall of Fame selection committee to an individual who
6 has played a decisive role as a sports leader or administrator benefitting Louisiana or
7 bringing credit to Louisiana on the national or international level; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2017 Dave Dixon Award is presented to Sue Donohoe upon her
9 induction to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and she is the first woman to receive
10 this award since its inception in 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Sue Donohoe, a Pineville native, remains one of college basketball's
12 most accomplished administrators of all time; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Donohoe began her coaching career as a graduate assistant coach
14 for the women's basketball team at Louisiana Tech University where she coached on the
15 Lady Techsters' 1982 NCAA championship team; and

16 WHEREAS, she went on to be the head coach at Lake Highlands High School from
17 1983 through 1990 with a 124-24 record; and

18 WHEREAS, prior to joining the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)

1 in 1999, she was the associate commissioner of the Southland Conference; and

2 WHEREAS, Ms. Donohoe became the vice president of women's basketball for the
3 NCAA and oversaw that sport for twelve years, and directed the NCAA men's basketball
4 Division I championship; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2008, she spearheaded an effort to help people better understand the
6 NCAA selection process through a mock selection weekend involving media, administrators,
7 and former coaches; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2009, she was chosen to chair the U.S.A. Basketball's junior national
9 committee; and

10 WHEREAS, the Chronicle of Higher Education chose Ms. Donohoe as one of the
11 Top 10 Most Powerful People in College Sports; and

12 WHEREAS, after she stepped down from the NCAA in December 2011, she became
13 the executive director of the Kay Yow Cancer Fund in January 2012, and served in that
14 capacity until 2015; and

15 WHEREAS, at the 2015 NCAA Women's Final Four, she was the inaugural recipient
16 of the U.S. Basketball Writers Association's Mary Joe Haverbeck Award for commitment
17 and service to women's college basketball; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to all of her other duties, she has served as the vice president
19 and president of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame board of directors and continues to
20 serve as the past president; and

21 WHEREAS, the influential and successful career of Sue Donohoe has earned her the
22 2017 Dave Dixon Sports Leadership Award and her place among the many greats in the
23 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 commend Sue Donohoe on receiving the 2017 Dave Dixon Louisiana Sports Leadership
26 Award and being named to the 2017 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
28 Sue Donohoe.

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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