

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE SHADOIN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend 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.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, prior to joining the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in 1999, she was the associate commissioner of the Southland Conference; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend 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.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES