

1 WHEREAS, he spent the early part of his career at many small weekly papers, where
2 he not only wrote stories and took photos but also laid out the sports section and even
3 delivered newspapers; and

4 WHEREAS, his dedication and versatility caught the attention of several larger area
5 newspapers and he rose from a sports writer to executive sports director for the *Lafayette*
6 *Daily Advertiser*, assistant sports editor at the *Alexandria Town Talk*, outdoor editor for
7 Gannett's statewide *GOoutdoors* and *Louisiana Hunt & Fish*, and editor of Gannett's niche
8 products; and

9 WHEREAS, he has served as an inspiration and mentor to dozens of current and
10 former sports writers and was greatly influential in the early stages of developing the
11 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum; and

12 WHEREAS, Philip Timothy has won more than 80 national, regional, and state
13 awards and more than 65 Louisiana Sports Writers Association awards; and

14 WHEREAS, his extensive career also earned him the 2004 Louisiana Wildlife
15 Federation Communicator of the Year Award, the 2005 Louisiana High School Athletic
16 Association Prep Journalism Award, and a special honor from the Louisiana High School
17 Athletic Association/Louisiana High School Coaches Association; and

18 WHEREAS, for the past 13 years, while working for the statewide *Baptist Message*,
19 Philip Timothy has still found time to cover central Louisiana sports as a freelance writer;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Philip Timothy's inspirational career has rightly earned him the 2019
22 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a 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 and congratulate Philip Timothy for receiving the 2019 Distinguished Service
26 Award in Sports Journalism and for being named to the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame
27 Induction Class.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
29 Philip Timothy.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Morgan B. Robertson.

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Commends Philip Timothy on being selected for the 2019 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.