

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

BY SENATOR LONG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Roger Cador on being named to the 2019 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, Roger Cador played baseball and basketball at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, leading the Jaguars in hitting in his junior season at .393; and

WHEREAS, he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the tenth round of the 1973 Major League Baseball Draft and played five seasons with the Braves organization, reaching Class-AAA in his final season of 1977 as an outfielder; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cador returned to Southern University in 1978 as an assistant baseball coach, moved to assistant basketball coach of the Jaguars in 1980, and remained in that position for four seasons before earning the head coaching job of the baseball team in 1985; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments include conference championships, thirteen Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Coach of the Year awards, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regional appearances, and three NCAA play-in appearances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cador has also produced thirty-five players who played professional sports or became coaches, umpires, or scouts, including twenty-three players drafted from 2001 to 2004; and

WHEREAS, he completed his career at Southern University with fourteen SWAC titles, eleven NCAA tournament appearances, and two black national titles in 2003 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cador also holds the distinctions of having coached the first Golden Spikes Award winner to have played at a predominantly black school, Rickie Weeks Jr., in 2003, and the first NCAA Division I tournament game win by a black school; and

WHEREAS, the successful career of Roger Cador 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 Roger Cador on being named to the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Roger Cador.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES