

2019 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Peyton Manning upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Peyton Manning upon an extraordinary career in football and to congratulate
3 him upon his induction on June 8, 2019, into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, it is with great adulation that the Legislature of Louisiana commends
5 Peyton Manning for his stellar performance on the gridiron as one of the greatest
6 quarterbacks to ever play the game; and

7 WHEREAS, on this auspicious occasion, the sixtieth anniversary of the Louisiana
8 Sports Hall of Fame, the organization honors a football phenomenon who has amassed more
9 than twenty NFL records before his retirement in 2016 from the Denver Broncos; and

10 WHEREAS, during eighteen seasons, Manning's numbers were astronomical and he
11 held super human league statistics such as 71,940 passing yards, 539 touchdown passes, and
12 43 fourth-quarter comebacks; and

13 WHEREAS, a favorite son of New Orleans, Peyton possessed a superior skill set for
14 most team sports and came from what could be considered a football dynasty; and

15 WHEREAS, his father Archie, who was inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of
16 Fame in 1988, was a star quarterback at University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and played
17 most of his professional career with the New Orleans Saints; and

18 WHEREAS, his brother Eli won two Super Bowls as a New York Giant and his older

1 brother Cooper showed excellent potential until sidelined by a spinal anomaly; and

2 WHEREAS, at Isidore Newman School in New Orleans, Manning gained recognition
3 as an All-State and All-American athlete and as an exceptional academic; as a starter, he led
4 the team with a record of 34-5 and went to the LHSAA playoffs three times, and he was also
5 named Gatorade Circle of Champions National Player of the Year; and

6 WHEREAS, Peyton once said that the most enjoyable year of his career was his
7 sophomore season at Newman, when his top receiver was his brother, Cooper, who was a
8 senior; that year, Peyton completed 140 passes and 75 of them were to his brother; and

9 WHEREAS, Newman has since retired the number "18" football jersey, the number
10 worn by all the Manning brothers; and

11 WHEREAS, one of the most sought after recruits in the country, Peyton hooked his
12 star to the University of Tennessee Volunteers from 1994 until 1997; his record there
13 included 11,201 career passing yards while completing 62.5 percent of his passes, resulting
14 in 89 touchdowns and only 33 interceptions; and

15 WHEREAS, while a senior at UT, he was named Southeastern Conference Player
16 of the Year and named to the College Football All-America Team; he was later honored by
17 the university with a street near Neyland Stadium named "Peyton Manning Pass"; and

18 WHEREAS, after a superb showing at Tennessee and a promising future breaking
19 on the horizon, Peyton Manning was selected as the No. 1 pick in the 1998 NFL Draft; he
20 suited up to play for the Indianapolis Colts for thirteen remarkable seasons; he concluded
21 his career with a four-year stint with the Denver Broncos, and he won two Super Bowl titles,
22 one with each team, and was the only starting quarterback to lead multiple teams to the title;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, while at Indianapolis, he led the Colts to eight division titles, two AFC
25 championships, and a win at Super Bowl XLI (41) in 2007; and

26 WHEREAS, after a move to the Denver Broncos, Manning brought the team to Super
27 Bowl XLVIII (48), although bested by the Seattle Seahawks by a score of 43-8, he set a
28 Super Bowl record with 34 completions and was ranked as the best player in the league on
29 the list of NFL Top 100 Players for 2014; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2016, Peyton Manning culminated his fantastic career with a win

1 over the Carolina Panthers, 24-10, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Super Bowl; he went out
2 on top, announced his retirement in March, and hung up his cleats for good; and

3 WHEREAS, that Super Bowl victory gave Peyton Manning his 200th overall win
4 including regular season and playoffs, making him, at the time, the starting quarterback with
5 the most combined regular season and post-season wins in NFL history; and

6 WHEREAS, Peyton Manning has accumulated some interesting career statistics
7 including that he and Brett Farve are the only two quarterbacks to beat all 32 teams and
8 Manning holds the most Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player awards; and

9 WHEREAS, Peyton Manning was picked for the Pro Bowl fourteen times and also
10 appeared in 27 post-season games with a tally of 14-13; and

11 WHEREAS, he was the league's Comeback Player of the Year in 2012 after missing
12 the entire 2011 season due to a series of neck surgeries; Manning played in 266 games with
13 265 starts and had a 186-79 record as a starter; and he shall most likely be inducted into the
14 Professional Football Hall of Fame in 2021, his first year of eligibility; and

15 WHEREAS, as a selfless and humble humanitarian; Peyton and his wife Ashley have
16 established a nonprofit organization, the "Peyback Foundation", to promote future success
17 for disadvantaged youth and a scholarship fund at the University of Tennessee; and

18 WHEREAS, he is very generous with his time at the Peyton Manning Children's
19 Hospital at St. Vincent in Indianapolis; Peyton often converses with young patients and
20 sends handwritten notes to bolster their convalescence; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2005, Peyton won the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award
22 for excellence on and off the field; this recognition not only reflects his superior talent as a
23 quarterback, it also indicates his kind and altruistic nature; and

24 WHEREAS, coaches often remarked that Peyton was one of those extraordinary
25 players who comes along once in a lifetime; his mental focus, physical capabilities, and
26 persistence on the field were legendary; and

27 WHEREAS, Peyton Manning has experienced uncommon success with an illustrious
28 sports career that exceeds all those superlatives heaped upon it; and

29 WHEREAS, Peyton Manning merits a sincere measure of recognition for his
30 extraordinary accomplishments in sports and in life and has earned a special place among

1 the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
3 commend Peyton Manning on his phenomenal football career and does hereby congratulate
4 him upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on June 8, 2019.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby note
6 the good works and great pride that he has bestowed upon the state of Louisiana.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
8 Peyton Manning.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Suzi Montague.

	DIGEST	
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