

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Charles "Peanut" Tillman upon being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Charles "Peanut" Tillman on being named to the 2020  
3 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

4 WHEREAS, Charles "Peanut" Tillman was born on February 23, 1981, in Chicago,  
5 Illinois, and attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (ULL); as a Ragin' Cajun he  
6 was a four-year starter from 1999-2002, and earned first-team All-Sun Belt Conference  
7 honors in 2001 and 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, he was also an All-Independent pick in 2000 in the Cajuns' final year  
9 before the Sun Belt began football competition, and was an Associated Press honorable  
10 mention All-American selection in 2002, finishing his college career with twelve  
11 interceptions, the fifth-most in school history, and two hundred eighty-four total tackles, the  
12 second-most by any Ragin' Cajun defensive back, along with seven fumble recoveries and  
13 three blocked punts; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman led the Ragin' Cajuns in interceptions three consecutive  
15 years from 2000 to 2002 and is one of only eight players to have his jersey retired; and

16 WHEREAS, following a standout career at ULL, he was a second-round National  
17 Football League (NFL) draft pick who played thirteen seasons at cornerback with his  
18 hometown team, the Chicago Bears, from 2003 to 2014, and with the Carolina Panthers in

1 2014 before retiring due to injuries at the age of thirty-four; and

2 WHEREAS, while in the NFL, Mr. Tillman played in one hundred sixty-eight games,  
3 with one hundred sixty-four starts, and had thirty-eight career interceptions for six hundred  
4 seventy-five yards, taking eight of those picks back for touchdowns; and

5 WHEREAS, he finished his career with nine hundred eleven total tackles, notching  
6 a career-high ninety-nine in 2011 when he was voted to play in the first of two consecutive  
7 Pro Bowls; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman also forced forty-four fumbles, the sixth in NFL history,  
9 with ten of them occurring in 2012 when he was named an Associated Press first-team  
10 All-Pro; and

11 WHEREAS, his four forced fumbles against the Tennessee Titans on November 4,  
12 2003, is a NFL single-game record, earning him the NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year  
13 Award and the *Sports Illustrated* Rookie of the Year honor; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman broke up one hundred forty-one passes during his career,  
15 with sixteen occurring in 2012 which is one fewer than his personal-best of seventeen in  
16 2008, and he had five interceptions three times in his career in 2005, 2006, and 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, while playing with the Chicago Bears, the team won the National  
18 Football Conference (NFC) title by defeating the New Orleans Saints in 2006 and advanced  
19 to Super Bowl XLI against the Indianapolis Colts; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman is the Chicago Bears' all-time leader with forty-two forced  
21 fumbles, six hundred seventy-five interception return yards, and eight interception return  
22 touchdowns, as well as the second all-time leader with thirty-six interceptions; and

23 WHEREAS, he won the 2013 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award which is  
24 the league's only award that recognizes excellence on and off the field with an emphasis on  
25 a player's contributions to his community and to society in general; and

26 WHEREAS, the successful career of Charles "Peanut" Tillman has rightly earned  
27 him a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
29 does hereby commend and congratulate Charles "Peanut" Tillman on being named to the  
30 2020 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

