

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ronnie Coleman on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ronnie Coleman on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

3 WHEREAS, Ronnie Dean Coleman was born in Monroe, Louisiana, on May 13,
4 1964, and was a native of Bastrop, Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, he reached a high-level playing football during high school which
6 motivated him to lift weights and set out on his fitness journey; and

7 WHEREAS, Ronnie's performance as a football player led to a scholarship offer to
8 Grambling State University to study accounting and play football; and

9 WHEREAS, he played football as a middle linebacker with the GSU Tigers under
10 coach Eddie Robinson; and

11 WHEREAS, Ronnie Coleman graduated cum laude from Grambling State University
12 in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in accounting; and

13 WHEREAS, upon graduation he moved to Texas in search of work and eventually
14 became a police officer in Arlington, Texas, where he was an officer from 1989 to 2000 and
15 a reserve officer until 2003; and

16 WHEREAS, Ronnie joined the world famous Metroflex Gym, where he quickly
17 developed a bond with the owner, Brian Dobson; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dobson ultimately gave Ronnie a lifetime free membership if he

1 allowed Mr. Dobson to train him for competition; and

2 WHEREAS, Ronnie's hard work and determination lead to him winning the 1990 Mr.
3 Texas show at the age of twenty-six; and

4 WHEREAS, he won the first place trophy in the 1991 World Amateur
5 Championships in Poland, which resulted in him earning the prestigious Pro Card; becoming
6 a professional body builder at the age of twenty-seven; and

7 WHEREAS, Ronnie won his first professional competition the Canada Pro Cup, in
8 1995; and

9 WHEREAS, this victory thrust him into the spotlight, and he became to be seen as
10 one of the upcoming stars of the future; and

11 WHEREAS, over the next ten years, Ronnie experienced a remarkable winning
12 streak, dominating most competitions he entered; and

13 WHEREAS, during this period, he wrote his name into the record books; Ronnie
14 matched Lee Haney's record by winning the prestigious Mr. Olympia show eight times; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mr. Olympia title is awarded to the winner of the professional mens'
16 bodybuilding contest at Joe Weider's Olympia Fitness & Performance Weekend, which is
17 an international bodybuilding competition that is held annually by the International
18 Federation of Body Building & Fitness; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mr. Olympia title is regarded as the gold standard and supreme
20 championship in the body building world; and

21 WHEREAS, Ronnie went through and beat a murderer's row of competitors
22 including the likes of Flex Wheeler, Shawn Ray, Kevin Levrone, Lee Priest, and Jay Cutler;
23 which ultimately led to Ronnie being known as one of the greatest bodybuilders in the
24 history of the sport; and

25 WHEREAS, after a record-breaking fifteen years spent competing at the highest
26 level, Ronnie made the decision to retire after the 2007 Mr. Olympia; and

27 WHEREAS, Ronnie was the recipient of the 2001 Admiral in the Texas Navy
28 Certificate Award from Texas Governor Rick Perry for outstanding achievements in body
29 building and for the promotion of physical fitness; and

30 WHEREAS, in 2011, he launched Ronnie Coleman Signature Series, a company that

1 provides sports nutrition and wellness products for bodybuilders and other athletes; and

2 WHEREAS, Ronnie left the sport of body building as a legend, nicknamed the
3 G.O.A.T. (Greatest of all time), beating Arnold Schwarzenegger's Mr. Olympia Record, and
4 cementing his name among other sport's icons; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronnie Coleman has truly represented his home state of Louisiana and
6 made us all proud, not just by his victories on the grandest body building stage of them all,
7 the Mr. Olympia Competition, but also as a pillar in the community; and

8 WHEREAS, the legendary career of Ronnie Coleman has earned him a special place
9 among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
11 does hereby commend Ronnie Coleman on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of
12 Fame.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
14 Ronnie Coleman and Metroflex Gym in Arlington, Texas.

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

DIGEST

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