

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Sheldon Mickles on receiving the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Sheldon Mickles on being selected for the 2021  
3 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2021  
4 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year  
6 collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of  
7 sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talent worthy of being named to the hall  
8 of fame; and

9 WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award is the most prestigious honor offered  
10 to sports media in the state and recipients are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation  
11 by a thirty-member expert panel based on their professional accomplishments in local, state,  
12 regional, and national arenas; and

13 WHEREAS, Sheldon Mickles is a recipient of the 2021 Distinguished Service Award  
14 in Sports Journalism and a member of the 2021 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction  
15 Class; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a Gretna native and a graduate of Archbishop Shaw High School  
17 and Louisiana State University; and

18 WHEREAS, Sheldon Mickles spent over four decades covering a variety of south

1 Louisiana sports for two Baton Rouge papers -- the old afternoon *State-Times* (1978-91) and  
2 *The Advocate* (1991-present); and

3 WHEREAS, he started his career covering high schools and LSU track, then moved  
4 on to Southern University football and basketball before settling in as the Saints beat writer  
5 for thirty seasons from 1984-2013; and

6 WHEREAS, during his time on the Saints beat, he was in the press box for five  
7 hundred forty preseason, regular season, and postseason games, including the team's run to  
8 the Super Bowl XLIV title, as well as seventeen other Super Bowls; and

9 WHEREAS, he also covered the LSU track teams for the past forty-two seasons and  
10 currently is in his second stint as the LSU mens basketball beat writer as well as being part  
11 of *The Advocate's* football coverage team; and

12 WHEREAS, he also covered LSU gymnastics, womens basketball, baseball, and  
13 softball events, as well as the New Orleans PGA Tour event for the past thirty-one years; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheldon Mickles is the recipient and winner of numerous state, regional  
15 and national writing awards, including a two-time LSWA Class I Columnist of the Year, the  
16 Louisiana-Mississippi AP Managing Editors (APME) Columnist of the Year in 2012, and  
17 the 1998 Mac Russo Award winner; and

18 WHEREAS, he served as president of the LSWA (1988-90) following stints as  
19 secretary and vice president and has been a Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame committee  
20 member since 1983, serving as the nominating chairman since 2009; and

21 WHEREAS, his longtime involvement with, and stewardship of, the LSWA writing  
22 contest, teaming with Glenn Quebedeaux, has been a bedrock for the organization; and

23 WHEREAS, he was the 2019 recipient of the Track and Field Writers of America's  
24 Cordner Nelson Memorial Award for lifetime achievement and writing excellence and he  
25 is a voter for the Heisman and Biletnikoff awards and the AP college basketball poll; and

26 WHEREAS, Sheldon Mickles iconic career has rightly earned him the 2021  
27 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a place among the many greats in the  
28 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
30 does hereby commend and congratulate Sheldon Mickles for receiving the 2021

1 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and for being named to the 2021  
2 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
4 Sheldon Mickles.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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