

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY SENATOR BERNARD

A RESOLUTION

To commend Marques Colston for his induction into the 2021 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Marques Colston was born on June 5, 1983, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Marques Colston will be inducted into the 2021 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame as the all-time leading receiver for the New Orleans Saints, joining two of LSU's greatest competitors, basketball's Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf and football's Glenn Dorsey, along with former LSU track and field coach Pat Henry and Southern Jaguar and MLB baseball star, Rickie Weeks; and

WHEREAS, he was a seventh-round draft pick in 2006 (252nd overall) for the New Orleans Saints; and

WHEREAS, Marques Colston, a product of Hofstra University, easily became the most productive receiver in Saints history in his ten-year career span from 2006 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, quiet and reserved off the field but competitive on it, Marques Colston quickly became one of the cornerstones of Head Coach Sean Payton's first Saints team; and

WHEREAS, Colston's six feet, four inch, two hundred twenty-five pound size combined with his willingness to go over the middle and make the tough catch made him an instant favorite for new quarterback, Drew Brees; and

WHEREAS, the skill and tenacity of Marques Colston helped the New Orleans Saints win the NFC South title and reach the NFC championship game as Colston made the all-rookie team; and

WHEREAS, three years later, Marques Colston and the New Orleans Saints won the NFC crown and the franchise's only championship with a thirty-one to seventeen victory over Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV; and

WHEREAS, in his ten year career, Colston played in one hundred forty-six games with one hundred six starts and caught seven hundred eleven passes for nine thousand seven hundred fifty-nine yards, both club records; and

WHEREAS, an especially inviting target in the red zone because he towered over most defenders and could easily come down with Brees' patented back-shoulder throws, Colston also scored seventy-two touchdowns for another franchise record and tied Joe Horn for the most one hundred yard games in club history with twenty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Marques Colston had one hundred fifty yards or more in six of those games, topped by a ten-catch, one hundred sixty-nine yard performance versus Pittsburgh in 2006; and

WHEREAS, for his career, Marques Colston had one hundred eighty-nine more receptions and one thousand nine hundred five more receiving yards than Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame member, Eric Martin, and twenty-two more touchdowns than Horn, elected to the LSHOF's 2020 class; and

WHEREAS, Colston produced six one thousand yard receiving seasons with a best of one thousand two hundred two yards in 2007 when he also had a club single-season ninety-eight receptions and scored eleven touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Marques Colston grabbed another fifty-eight passes for seven hundred eighty-eight yards and had four scores in ten post-season contests, catching seven balls for eighty-three yards in the Super Bowl XLIV win.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and extend heartfelt congratulations to Marques Colston for his induction into the 2021 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame due to his career as the all-time leading receiver for the New Orleans Saints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Marques Colston.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE