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2024 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bobby Ardoin upon receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend and congratulate Bobby Ardoin upon receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service
3	Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall
4	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, talent, and accomplishment worthy of being
8	named to the hall 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 forty-member expert panel based on their professional accomplishments in local, state,
12	regional, and national arenas; and
13	WHEREAS, Bobby Ardoin is the recipient of the 2024 Distinguished Service Award
14	in Sports Journalism and a member of the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction
15	Class; and
16	WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Opelousas, Ardoin has been tirelessly working the
17	sidelines of high school and collegiate sports for more than five decades, while his byline
18	has appeared routinely throughout Acadiana and in some of the state's biggest and best

- 1 newspapers; and
- WHEREAS, a native of Eunice, he attended Northwestern State and graduated from
 the University of Southwest University (USL) which is now known as the University of
 Louisiana Lafayette; and
- WHEREAS, in 1972, Ardoin's professional career took off as he served as sports
 writer for the *Opelousas Daily World*, covering high school sports in both St. Landry and
 Evangeline parishes, as well as the New Orleans Saints, LSU basketball, USL football,
 multiple Sugar Bowls, and horse racing at nearby Evangeline Downs; and
- 9 WHEREAS, from 1990 to 2016, Ardoin served as a sports and news correspondent 10 for *The Advocate* covering high schools, UL-Lafayette athletics, LSU-Eunice and 11 Evangeline Downs; for the news department, Ardoin covered parish and municipal 12 governments as well as features, and served as the interim bureau chief for *The Acadiana* 13 *Advocate* in 2007; and
- WHEREAS, Ardoin reconnected to his roots in 2013 when he returned to *The Daily World* as the sports editor covering high schools in St. Landry Parish, as well as LSU-Eunice
 and UL-Lafayette athletics; he is currently covering the news with *St. Landry Today*, which
 has evolved into a vibrant online publication; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to his fifty-plus years as a journalist, Ardoin has worked as
 a full-time teacher starting at Amy Bradford Ware High School in Opelousas from 1971 to
 1974, and then teaching at Opelousas High School where he taught English, social studies,
 journalism, and served as the school newspaper advisor; and
- WHEREAS, Ardoin has received numerous awards for his work and he has twentyseven first and second place writing awards presented by the Louisiana Sports Writers
 Association (LSWA), Louisiana Press Association, United Press International and the
 Associated Press, including being named the LSWA's Prep Writer of the Year in 1982; and
 WHEREAS, on three separate occasions, Ardoin has won the State Education Writer
 of the Year Award presented by the Louisiana Association of Educators and has been named
 Teacher of the Year at Opelousas High School three times.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
 commend and congratulate Bobby Ardoin upon receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service

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- 1 Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

3 Bobby Ardoin.

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

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