

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 72

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Todd McClure on being inducted into the 2026 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, the 2026 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Todd McClure; and

WHEREAS, Todd McClure, a native of Baton Rouge, distinguished himself as an exceptional athlete, leader, and competitor whose accomplishments on the football field brought pride to his hometown and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, McClure first rose to prominence as a standout three-sport athlete at Central High School, where he earned All-State honors in football, baseball and contributed to a basketball team that reached the state finals; and

WHEREAS, he continued his athletic career at Louisiana State University, where he played four seasons for the LSU Tigers football team and started 37 games at center, establishing himself as one of the premier offensive linemen in the Southeastern Conference; and

WHEREAS, McClure earned All-SEC honors in 1997 and 1998 and concluded his collegiate career by being named a first-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association, recognizing his exceptional skill and leadership on the field; and

WHEREAS, McClure was selected in the seventh round of the 1999 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons, demonstrating perseverance and determination in overcoming adversity after suffering a torn ACL during training camp in his rookie season; and

WHEREAS, after recovering from injury, McClure became the Falcons' starting center midway through the 2000 season and went on to establish a remarkable record of consistency and durability, appearing in 198 regular season games with 195 starts during his

fourteen-year career; and

WHEREAS, widely respected for his discipline and reliability, McClure was penalized only 22 times over the course of those 198 games, averaging fewer than two penalties per season and demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism and performance; and

WHEREAS, nicknamed "Mud Duck", McClure also played in nine postseason contests, bringing his career total to 207 games; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the franchise, Falcons owner Arthur Blank honored McClure with induction into the Atlanta Falcons Ring of Honor on October 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication, perseverance, and excellence, Todd McClure has left an enduring legacy in collegiate and professional football while serving as a source of pride for the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Todd McClure on being inducted into the 2026 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Todd McClure.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES