

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Bob Marshall for receiving the 2013 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Bob Marshall for receiving the 2013 Distinguished Service  
3 Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of  
4 Fame.

5 WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the citizens and Senate of Louisiana have  
6 learned of the prestigious honor bestowed upon Bob Marshall for receiving the 2013  
7 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on his induction into the Louisiana  
8 Sports Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, the inductees are carefully chosen after extensive deliberation by an  
10 expert panel of Louisiana Sports Writers' Association members across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Marshall's forty year career includes extensive work as a reporter  
12 and columnist covering the outdoors, professional, college and Olympic sports, feature  
13 writing, op-ed columns, and many projects specializing in environmental issues; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Marshall is a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who has spent much  
15 of his career chronicling the people, stories and issues of Louisiana's wetlands culture; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1997, Bob Marshall was a member of the Times Picayune's three-  
17 man team that won a Pulitzer Prize for the series "Oceans of Trouble" which examined the  
18 plight of the world's fisheries; and

1           WHEREAS, in 2004 he was elected to the Circle of Chiefs by the Outdoor Writers  
2 Association of America, the group's highest award for contributions to conservation; and

3           WHEREAS, in 2005, Bob Marshall's investigations into the Corps of Engineers  
4 missteps in building the New Orleans levees and floodwalls was part of the Times Picayune  
5 reporting package that won the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina, leading  
6 to his being a finalist for the Investigative Editors and Reporters Award, and the Polk Award  
7 for his on-going coverage on the causes of the disaster; and

8           WHEREAS, in 2007, he won the John H. Oakes Prize for Distinguished  
9 Environmental Reporting from Columbia University, and the Keck Award for outstanding  
10 science reporting from The National Academy of Sciences for a series he coauthored entitled  
11 "*Last Chance: The Fight to Save a Disappearing Coast*", about Louisiana's coastal erosion  
12 crisis; and

13           WHEREAS, his environmental reporting and essays have earned him recognition  
14 from a wide range of conservation and environmental groups, including Conservationist of  
15 the Year awards from the Louisiana Wildlife Federation; and

16           WHEREAS, Bob Marshall has received numerous national and regional accolades  
17 for journalism including top honors from the Associated Press, United Press International,  
18 Scripps-Howard Foundation National Journalism Awards, Society of Professional  
19 Journalists, National Association of Sportswriters and Sportscasters and the Pro Football  
20 Writers of America, Outdoor Writers Association of America, Louisiana Sportswriters  
21 Association, and Louisiana Outdoor Writers; and

22           WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
23 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication  
24 of great journalists like Bob Marshall who strive to investigate and report the truth.

25           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
26 does hereby recognize the numerous accomplishments and extraordinary career of Bob  
27 Marshall and commends and congratulates him for receiving the 2013 Distinguished Service  
28 Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bob  
30 Marshall.

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

---

DIGEST

Long

SR No. 142

Commends Bob Marshall for receiving the 2013 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.