

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Milton Retif for receiving the 2013 Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Milton Retif for receiving the 2013 Louisiana Sports  
3 Leadership Award and being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame  
4 Induction Class.

5 WHEREAS, Milton Retif has a lifelong record of sports leadership and commitment,  
6 and first made his name as a sport figure as an infielder on the Jesuit High School team and  
7 later as captain of the team at Tulane University in the 1950s; and

8 WHEREAS, when the Green Wave considered making baseball a club sport in 1966,  
9 Mr. Retif was integral in saving the program and took it over the next year as an unpaid head  
10 coach and built a 123-73 record; and

11 WHEREAS, under his leadership the Wave gained national prominence and earned  
12 a number one ranking in 1975; and

13 WHEREAS, a highly-successful businessman, Milton has been generous in providing  
14 financial backing for the promotion of sports in New Orleans and Louisiana, including as  
15 a major sponsor of the American Legion baseball programs for Jesuit and Archbishop Shaw  
16 high schools, and was instrumental in staging a baseball exhibition game between the  
17 Yankees and Red Sox at the Superdome, the proceeds of which went to Grambling State and  
18 Christian Brothers; and

1           WHEREAS, because of his innumerable contributions, he has received the Don  
2           Bosco Award for being a role model for youth through sports and school activities, been  
3           named as Outstanding Alumnus by Jesuit High School in 1993, has been enshrined in the  
4           Hilton Riverside Walk of Fame for his positive contributions to the way of life in New  
5           Orleans, and in 2001, was inducted into the New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame; and

6           WHEREAS, few people have done as much as Milton Retif to promote competitive  
7           sports in this state, and he has rightly earned his place among other legendary figures in the  
8           Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
10          does hereby commend and congratulate Milton Retif on receiving the 2013 Louisiana Sports  
11          Leadership Award and being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction  
12          Class.

13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
14          Milton Retif.

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

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DIGEST

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