

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE