

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tommy Hodson, acclaimed LSU quarterback, upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and was intended, in the words of Otis Harris, sports editor of the *Shreveport Journal*, to be "the Louisiana Hall of Fame – a hall of fame for the state's greatest athletes, men or women, amateur or professional, living or dead"; and

WHEREAS, though the Hall of Fame was begun over fifty years ago, it is only this year that it has a permanent and appropriate home to recognize Louisiana's greatest sports heroes, for on Friday, June 28, 2013, the grand opening will be held for the stunning twenty-three million dollar Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History Museum in the National Historic District of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 29, 2013, is one of the all-time great LSU Tigers, a man who truly meets the standard for the Hall of Fame advanced in 1950 that still abides today, for Thomas Paul Hodson is surely one of the state's greatest athletes; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson, a native of Mathews, in Lafourche Parish, thrilled all of Louisiana in one of the greatest athletic careers ever witnessed in Tiger Stadium, as he set a host of LSU and Southeastern Conference records; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson was the starting quarterback for LSU from 1986 through 1989 and compiled a 31-14-1 record, and he still holds the LSU career passing record of 9,115 yards, the LSU career record of sixty-nine touchdown passes, and LSU career records for passing attempts at 1,163 and for passing completions with 967, and these statistics were Southeastern Conference records at the time; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson was a four-time All-SEC quarterback, became the first passer in the Southeastern Conference to pass for over eight thousand yards and the first SEC player to throw for over two thousand yards in four consecutive seasons, and at the time was only the twelfth player in NCAA history to pass for over nine thousand yards; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson was mentioned as a Heisman Trophy candidate in his junior and senior seasons at LSU, and is still remembered throughout the state as the redshirt freshman who led LSU in 1986 to an upset of No. 7 Texas A&M and an SEC title, as well as for the miraculous touchdown toss to Eddie Fuller to defeat No. 4 Auburn in the Earthquake Game in Tiger Stadium; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson's career also included a standout career at Central Lafourche High School, where as a senior he led the Trojans to a 13-1 record while racking up 4,361 yards passing and 36 touchdowns, and he also had a seven-season, four-team professional football career that began with a third-round selection in the 1990 NFL draft by the New England Patriots and concluded with a backup quarterback role for the New Orleans Saints; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Tommy Hodson for his peerless athletic career and for his well-deserved induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, for he is truly one of Louisiana's greatest athletes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tommy Hodson, illustrious LSU quarterback, upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tommy Hodson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES