

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 61

BY SENATOR MILLS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Louisiana native Jake C. Delhomme for being selected to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Louisiana native Jake C. Delhomme for being selected to the Louisiana Sports
3 Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, Jake C. Delhomme was born on January 10, 1975, in Breaux Bridge,
5 Louisiana, to Jerry and Marcia Delhomme; and

6 WHEREAS, he married his high school sweetheart in 2000, the former Keri
7 Melancon, and they have two daughters, Lauren Elizabeth who was born December 17,
8 2001, and Lindsey Marie who was born February 25, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, after playing as an All-State quarterback and defensive back at
10 Teurlings Catholic High School, Mr. Delhomme played college football for the University
11 of Louisiana at Lafayette, then named the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL), as
12 the only true freshman quarterback to become a starter for a Division I school in 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, the collegiate passer efficiency rating of Mr. Delhomme was second
14 among the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for freshmen quarterbacks; and

15 WHEREAS, on the USL football team he played alongside future National Football
16 League (NFL) wide receiver Brandon Stokley, and offensive lineman Anthony Clement, and
17 was named the all-time passing collegiate leader in yards and touchdowns; and

18 WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mr. Delhomme ranked twenty-second in NCAA

1 history for passing yards, and twenty-eighth in total offense; and

2 WHEREAS, after the 1997 NFL draft, he signed with the New Orleans Saints as an
3 undrafted free agent, and was assigned to the NFL Amsterdam Admirals in Europe; and

4 WHEREAS, following his success with the Admirals as a backup quarterback to
5 future NFL and Super Bowl MVP, Kurt Warner, Mr. Delhomme returned to the New
6 Orleans Saints as their full-time third string quarterback, and in his first NFL start in 1999,
7 against the Dallas Cowboys, he threw two touchdowns en route to a New Orleans Saints
8 victory; and

9 WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2009, Mr. Delhomme wore number seventeen after the
10 date of his first daughter's birth; and

11 WHEREAS, in his first NFL season as the starting quarterback for the Carolina
12 Panthers, he led them to a 32-29 Super Bowl XXXVIII win over the New England Patriots;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, since playing in his first Pro Bowl in 2005, no other NFL quarterback
15 has more game winning or tying drives in the final two minutes of professional football; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Delhomme played for the Cleveland Browns in 2010, and the
17 Houston Texans in 2011; and

18 WHEREAS, along with racing, owning, and training thoroughbred horses, Mr.
19 Delhomme has garnered popularity as a pitchman for the Cajun fast food restaurant,
20 Bojangles, has performed SunCom telephone commercials, and has done numerous public
21 service announcements for Civitan International, an organization of volunteer businessmen
22 determined to make a difference in their communities by collecting food for homeless
23 shelters, volunteering at local retirement homes, or helping with those with developmental
24 disabilities; and

25 WHEREAS, selected by a thirty-five member Louisiana Sports Writers Association
26 committee in October 2014, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame named Jake Delhomme as
27 an inductee to be officially enshrined on June 27, 2015, in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and

28 WHEREAS, as a part of the 2015 induction class, Jake C. Delhomme's extraordinary
29 high school, college, and professional football career will be showcased in the Louisiana
30 Sports Hall of Fame Museum.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 commend and congratulate Louisiana native Jake C. Delhomme for being selected to the
3 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
5 Jake C. Delhomme.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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