

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY SENATOR LONG AND REPRESENTATIVE COX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Otis Washington on being named to the 2015 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a number of sports figures who embody the character, skills, and talents worthy of being named to the hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes New Orleans native Otis Washington; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Washington holds a master's degree from Tulane University, but began his own football career as an undergraduate at Xavier University, where he was an all-conference guard and an all-conference baseball player; and

WHEREAS, he became the head coach of St. Augustine High School in 1969, and ended his eleven year career there with a 106-26-1 winning record; and

WHEREAS, he was named the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Coach of the Year in 1972; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the St. Augustine High School Purple Knights were a Class 4A championship team for three years, were runner-up at the state championship in 1971, and won district titles in 1970, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1978, and 1979; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to his great leadership and ability to cultivate the talent of his team members, over one hundred and twenty of his former students received college scholarships; and

WHEREAS, he continued his distinguished career as a defensive line coach at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1980, and after a year at LSU, was named head coach of the Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College Jaguars, where he led the team to numerous victories, including the fifty to twenty victory over Grambling State University at the 1982 Bayou Classic; and

WHEREAS, the long and stellar career of Otis Washington has earned him a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Otis Washington for being named to the 2015 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Otis Washington.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES