

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENRY, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, COX, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LIGI, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the National Football League to reconsider the penalties imposed upon the New Orleans Saints.

WHEREAS, the National Football League has imposed a series of penalties upon the New Orleans Saints; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Saints have produced countless exciting and magical moments for the city of New Orleans, the state of Louisiana, the Gulf Coast region, and the entire country; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Louisiana have invested millions of dollars into the success of the Saints organization by supporting stadium improvements, practice facilities, and other incentives; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the New Orleans Saints has provided a tremendously positive economic impact, and the sanctions faced by the team will likely have a negative economic impact across the Crescent City and the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the first coach ever suspended by the NFL for any reason, the head coach of the Saints has been suspended for the entire 2012 season, the general manager for

the first eight regular season games, and an assistant coach for the first six regular season games, all without pay, and the Saints organization has been fined five hundred thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, additionally, certain Saints players are facing possible fines and suspensions; and

WHEREAS, the greatness of the New Orleans Saints in recent years, including the historic and triumphant victory in Super Bowl XLIV in 2010, could not have been achieved without the guidance, dedication, and skills of Sean Payton and the entire coaching staff, as well as all others involved with the Saints' football program; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread public opinion throughout the state of Louisiana and beyond that the penalties imposed upon the Saints are too harsh and should be reconsidered.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the National Football League to reconsider the penalties imposed upon the New Orleans Saints.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of the National Football League.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE