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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Joe Macaluso on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism

A RESOLUTION

2	To commend Joe Macaluso on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award in Sports
3	Journalism.
4	WHEREAS, the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class will soon be
5	spotlighted at the annual induction dinner on Saturday evening, June twenty-first, at the
6	Natchitoches Events Center; and
7	WHEREAS, the induction dinner, and accompanying ceremonies, are the
8	culmination of the 2014 induction celebration, which begins on Thursday afternoon,
9	June nineteenth, with a press conference and the Louisiana capitol kickoff reception; and
10	WHEREAS, the 2014 induction class will be enshrined as Hall of Fame members
11	and will subsequently be featured in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum, along with
12	three hundred sixty-seven current members; and
13	WHEREAS, one of the persons honored with enshrinement will be Baton Rouge
14	outdoors writer and broadcaster Joe Macaluso, who was chosen to be the 2014 winner of the
15	Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism; and
16	WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most
17	prestigious honor afforded to sports media in the state, and recipients are chosen by the
18	thirty-member Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame selection committee based on professional
19	accomplishments in local, state, and national arenas; and

1	WHEREAS, one of the state's most respected and admired outdoors writers,
2	Macaluso has covered a wide array of sports beats, served as a TV host and correspondent.
3	and has been the longtime official scorer for Louisiana State University (LSU) baseball; and
4	WHEREAS, Macaluso's first byline story came in March 1970 in The Advocate in
5	Baton Rouge, covering LSU baseball; and
6	WHEREAS, since then, Macaluso, nicknamed "Joe Mac", has been awarded and
7	recognized more than seventy times for stories for state, regional, and national organizations,
8	including awards for a series of stories on Eddie Robinson breaking Bear Bryant's career win
9	record as well as for a series on the devastating effects of Hurricane Andrew on the
10	Atchafalaya Basin and surrounding waters; and
11	WHEREAS, Macaluso conceived the idea for, directed, and cohosted "Paradise
12	Louisiana", a groundbreaking one-hour outdoors magazine TV show that ran weekly on
13	Louisiana cable systems for nearly ten years; and
14	WHEREAS, Macaluso served as an outdoors reporter for WBRZ-TV from 2006 to
15	2013; and
16	WHEREAS, Macaluso was the Louisiana contributor to the World Encyclopedia of
17	Fishing, served as a correspondent for Sports Illustrated magazine from 1977 to 1985, and
18	was a contributing writer for Baseball America from 1988 to 1990.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joe Macaluso on receiving the 2014
21	Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
23	to Joe Macaluso.

DIGEST

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