

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Joe Macaluso on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

WHEREAS, the 2014 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class will soon be spotlighted at the annual induction dinner on Saturday evening, June twenty-first, at the Natchitoches Events Center; and

WHEREAS, the induction dinner, and accompanying ceremonies, are the culmination of the 2014 induction celebration, which begins on Thursday afternoon, June nineteenth, with a press conference and the Louisiana capitol kickoff reception; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 induction class will be enshrined as Hall of Fame members and will subsequently be featured in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Museum, along with three hundred sixty-seven current members; and

WHEREAS, one of the persons honored with enshrinement will be Baton Rouge outdoors writer and broadcaster Joe Macaluso, who was chosen to be the 2014 winner of the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most prestigious honor afforded to sports media in the state, and recipients are chosen by the thirty-member Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame selection committee based on professional accomplishments in local, state, and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, one of the state's most respected and admired outdoors writers, Macaluso has covered a wide array of sports beats, served as a TV host and correspondent, and has been the longtime official scorer for Louisiana State University (LSU) baseball; and

WHEREAS, Macaluso's first byline story came in March 1970 in *The Advocate* in Baton Rouge, covering LSU baseball; and

WHEREAS, since then, Macaluso, nicknamed "Joe Mac", has been awarded and recognized more than seventy times for stories for state, regional, and national organizations, including awards for a series of stories on Eddie Robinson breaking Bear Bryant's career win record as well as for a series on the devastating effects of Hurricane Andrew on the Atchafalaya Basin and surrounding waters; and

WHEREAS, Macaluso conceived the idea for, directed, and cohosted "Paradise Louisiana", a groundbreaking one-hour outdoors magazine TV show that ran weekly on Louisiana cable systems for nearly ten years; and

WHEREAS, Macaluso served as an outdoors reporter for WBRZ-TV from 2006 to 2013; and

WHEREAS, Macaluso was the Louisiana contributor to the *World Encyclopedia of Fishing*, served as a correspondent for *Sports Illustrated* magazine from 1977 to 1985, and was a contributing writer for *Baseball America* from 1988 to 1990.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joe Macaluso on receiving the 2014 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Joe Macaluso.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES