

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage the owners and players of the National Football League to resolve their differences in order to avoid interrupting, shortening, or eliminating the 2010 season.

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Saints' team and organization had an outstanding 2009 season and Super Bowl Championship that produced many exciting, magical moments for the people of the city of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana, the Gulf Coast Region, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Super Bowl XLIV was watched by over one hundred million viewers, becoming the most-watched program in U.S. television history; and

WHEREAS, the National Football League is a highly successful sports organization with steadily increasing revenues and television ratings; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of professional football has provided a tremendously positive economic impact across our state and country; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Louisiana have invested millions of dollars in the success of the National Football League and specifically the Saints organization by supporting stadium improvements, practice facilities, and other incentives; and

WHEREAS, the current National Football League owners and players are operating without a labor agreement that may result in work stoppage in the 2011 season; and

WHEREAS, a work stoppage in the National Football League would have a detrimental impact on countless Louisiana businesses, including restaurants, bars, transportation companies, hotels, and other travel related businesses and therefore would reduce tax revenue and jobs for our state; and

WHEREAS, a work stoppage in the National Football League would additionally have a negative effect on the employees of stadiums, parking lots, hotels, and restaurants, and many other small businesses in a time when these individuals already face economic challenges.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby strongly encourage the team owners of the National Football League and the representatives of the National Football League Players Association to work diligently and quickly to resolve their labor differences and ensure a successful and uninterrupted season and to avoid jeopardizing the future of professional football.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Tom Benson, the owner of the New Orleans Saints, Mr. Roger Goodell, the Commissioner of the National Football League, and Mr. DeMaurice Smith, the executive director of the National Football League Players' Association.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES