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2 WHEREAS, a native of Eunice, he attended Northwestern State and graduated from  
3 the University of Southwest University (USL) which is now known as the University of  
4 Louisiana - Lafayette; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1972, Ardoin's professional career took off as he served as sports  
6 writer for the *Opelousas Daily World*, covering high school sports in both St. Landry and  
7 Evangeline parishes, as well as the New Orleans Saints, LSU basketball, USL football,  
8 multiple Sugar Bowls, and horse racing at nearby Evangeline Downs; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1990 to 2016, Ardoin served as a sports and news correspondent  
10 for *The Advocate* covering high schools, UL-Lafayette athletics, LSU-Eunice and  
11 Evangeline Downs; for the news department, Ardoin covered parish and municipal  
12 governments as well as features, and served as the interim bureau chief for *The Acadiana*  
13 *Advocate* in 2007; and

14 WHEREAS, Ardoin reconnected to his roots in 2013 when he returned to *The Daily*  
15 *World* as the sports editor covering high schools in St. Landry Parish, as well as LSU-Eunice  
16 and UL-Lafayette athletics; he is currently covering the news with *St. Landry Today*, which  
17 has evolved into a vibrant online publication; and

18 WHEREAS, in addition to his fifty-plus years as a journalist, Ardoin has worked as  
19 a full-time teacher starting at Amy Bradford Ware High School in Opelousas from 1971 to  
20 1974, and then teaching at Opelousas High School where he taught English, social studies,  
21 journalism, and served as the school newspaper advisor; and

22 WHEREAS, Ardoin has received numerous awards for his work and he has twenty-  
23 seven first and second place writing awards presented by the Louisiana Sports Writers  
24 Association (LSWA), Louisiana Press Association, United Press International and the  
25 Associated Press, including being named the LSWA's Prep Writer of the Year in 1982; and

26 WHEREAS, on three separate occasions, Ardoin has won the State Education Writer  
27 of the Year Award presented by the Louisiana Association of Educators and has been named  
28 Teacher of the Year at Opelousas High School three times.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
30 commend and congratulate Bobby Ardoin upon receiving the 2024 Distinguished Service

1 Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

3 Bobby Ardoin.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Kathy Liberty.

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