

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kerry Joseph on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, each year, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, talent, and accomplishment worthy of being named to the Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Kerry Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph, a native of New Iberia, Louisiana, has exemplified extraordinary talent and dedication throughout his illustrious career in football; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph distinguished himself as one of the premier quarterbacks in the history of McNeese State University, guiding the Cowboys to remarkable success, including two Southland Conference titles and numerous accolades; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at McNeese, Kerry Joseph played an instrumental role in securing the Cowboys' first-ever playoff victory in 1992, as well as leading them to their inaugural National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I-AA national semifinal appearance in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's remarkable statistics at McNeese, including 7,874 passing yards and 67 touchdowns, along with 9,674 total yards of offense, underscore his exceptional skill and leadership on the football field; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's contributions to McNeese football extend beyond individual accomplishments, as he remains a revered figure in the university's history, holding records for career touchdown passes and ranking second in career passing yards and total offense; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's accolades continued beyond his collegiate career, as he showcased his talent and versatility at the professional level, spending seasons as a halfback, quarterback, and safety in a 19-year playing career, earning recognition with the National Football League's (NFL) Cincinnati Bengals, Washington Redskins, and Seattle Seahawks, along with winning a World Bowl championship with NFL Europe's Rhein Fire in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's career in the Canadian Football League (CFL) further solidified his status as a football legend, achieving remarkable milestones such as exceeding 4,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a single season, earning CFL All-Star honors, and being named the Most Outstanding Player during the Saskatchewan Roughriders' Grey Cup victory in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in January 2024, Kerry Joseph became an assistant coach with the Chicago Bears; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's impact transcends his on-field accomplishments, as evidenced by his induction into prestigious halls of fame, including the McNeese Sports Hall of Fame, the Southland Hall of Honor, and the Roughriders Hall of Honour, underscoring his enduring legacy in the world of football; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's dedication to the sport of football continues in his role as an assistant coach for the Seattle Seahawks, where he imparts his wisdom and experience to the next generation of athletes; and

WHEREAS, Kerry Joseph's journey from New Iberia to the pinnacles of football success serves as an inspiration to countless individuals, embodying the values of hard work, perseverance, and excellence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kerry Joseph on being inducted into the 2024 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kerry Joseph.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES