

2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ron Washington on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ron Washington on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports
3 Hall of Fame.

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

8 WHEREAS, the 2023 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Ron
9 Washington; and

10 WHEREAS, Ron "Wash" Washington played Major League Baseball (MLB) for 10
11 seasons with five teams: the Los Angeles Dodgers, Baltimore Orioles, Cleveland Indians,
12 Houston Astros, and Minnesota Twins; and

13 WHEREAS, a middle infielder, the New Orleans native hit .261 in 564 career games
14 (1977, and 1981 to 1989) before becoming a coach with the New York Mets and the
15 Oakland Athletics; as a coach he helped develop some of baseball's top young infielders in
16 the 1990s and early 2000s; and

17 WHEREAS, on November 6, 2006, Ron Washington was hired by the Texas Rangers
18 as their field manager and held that position for eight seasons; and

1 WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2014, Ron Washington had five winning seasons and
2 compiled a record of 664-611 with his best seasons being 2010 to 2013 when he won at least
3 90 games each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Ron Washington is the Texas Rangers' all-time wins leader with his
5 582nd victory on August 4, 2013; and

6 WHEREAS, Ron Washington became the second Rangers' manager to lead his team
7 to the post season when they won the 2010 Major League Baseball American League West
8 title, going 90-72 in the regular season; and

9 WHEREAS, Ron Washington became the franchise's first manager to win a playoff
10 series when the Rangers beat Tampa Bay in the 2010 American League Division Series and
11 advanced to the organization's first World Series; and

12 WHEREAS, Ron Washington became the third African-American manager to guide
13 a baseball team to the World Series; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2011, Ron Washington led the Rangers to a career-best record of
15 96-66, a second straight division title, and another MLB World Series appearance; and

16 WHEREAS, Ron Washington was the manager of the American League All-Star
17 team in 2011 and 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2021, Ron Washington won a Major League Baseball World Series
19 Championship ring as the third base coach of the Atlanta Braves; and

20 WHEREAS, Ron remains active as a coach with the Braves, one of MLB's best
21 teams entering the 2023 season; and

22 WHEREAS, Ron Washington has maintained his residence in his hometown of New
23 Orleans, living there in the offseason while actively engaging local youth in baseball
24 instructional opportunities and being a very positive community influence.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
26 does hereby commend Ron Washington on being inducted into the 2023 class of the
27 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ron
29 Washington.

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

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