

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATORS LONG AND JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Milton Retif for receiving the 2013 Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, Milton Retif has a lifelong record of sports leadership and commitment, and first made his name as a sport figure as an infielder on the Jesuit High School team and later as captain of the team at Tulane University in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, when the Green Wave considered making baseball a club sport in 1966, Mr. Retif was integral in saving the program and took it over the next year as an unpaid head coach and built a 123-73 record; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Wave gained national prominence and earned a number one ranking in 1975; and

WHEREAS, a highly-successful businessman, Milton has been generous in providing financial backing for the promotion of sports in New Orleans and Louisiana, including as a major sponsor of the American Legion baseball programs for Jesuit and Archbishop Shaw high schools, and was instrumental in staging a baseball exhibition game between the Yankees and Red Sox at the Superdome, the proceeds of which went to Grambling State and Christian Brothers; and

WHEREAS, because of his innumerable contributions, he has received the Don Bosco Award for being a role model for youth through sports and school activities, been named as Outstanding Alumnus by Jesuit High School in 1993, has been enshrined in the Hilton Riverside Walk of Fame for his positive contributions to the way of life in New Orleans, and in 2001, was inducted into the New Orleans Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, few people have done as much as Milton Retif to promote competitive sports in this state, and he has rightly earned his place among other legendary figures in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Milton Retif on receiving the 2013 Louisiana Sports Leadership Award and being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Milton Retif.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE