

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Scooter Hobbs for receiving the 2018 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and on being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

WHEREAS, the Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism is the most prestigious honor offered to sports media in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, inductees are carefully chosen after an extensive deliberation by a thirty-five member expert panel of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame (LSHOF) selection committee based on their professional accomplishments in local, state, regional, and national arenas; and

WHEREAS, Scooter Hobbs, a Springhill native, is one of the most decorated sportswriters in state history, collecting nearly 200 LSWA writing awards in the organization's annual contest while also claiming a couple of national honors from the Associated Press Sports Editors; and

WHEREAS, a colorful writer and personality, Scooter Hobbs has been entertaining and informing sports fans at the Lake Charles American Press (LCAP) since graduating from LSU in 1979, particularly for his insightful coverage of LSU sports; and

WHEREAS, he has also been a statewide columnist with the LSU fan publication, Tiger Rag; and

WHEREAS, Hobbs was hired by LSHOF member/2015 DSA winner Bobby Dower, succeeded Dower as LCAP sports editor in 1992 and has retained that role since and, in recent years, he has also co-hosted a weekly sports talk cable television show in the Lake Charles market; and

WHEREAS, his astounding career totals in LSWA writing contests are 87 firsts, 51 seconds, and 35 thirds; he has won LSWA Sportswriter of the Year five times (2003, 2004, 2008, 2010, 2013), been Columnist of the Year eight times (1997, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015), and won the Mac Russo Award in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in the Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press writing contests he has 16 wins, six seconds, and five thirds; Hobbs also has captured third and fourth places in the APSE national competitions with sporadic entries through his career; and

WHEREAS, a former LSWA president, Hobbs has been a member of the Hall of Fame selection committee since the early 1980s and has also demonstrated an eye for talent with his hires at LCAP; and

WHEREAS, the long and successful career of Scooter Hobbs has rightly earned him the 2018 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Scooter Hobbs for receiving the 2018 Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism and for being named to the 2018 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Scooter Hobbs.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE