

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY SENATORS BERNARD, ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CORTEZ, FIELDS, HARRIS, HENRY, HEWITT, JOHNS, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TALBOT, TARVER, WARD AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Phil Robertson on being named to the 2020 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

WHEREAS, Phil Robertson, a native of Vivian, Louisiana, is known globally as the Duck Commander and recognized by millions for his long, rugged beard; and

WHEREAS, as an athlete in high school, he was all-state in football, baseball, and track, which afforded him the opportunity to attend Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana, and play for the Bulldogs on a football scholarship; and

WHEREAS, he was the Bulldogs' first-string quarterback for the 1966 and 1967 seasons, and chose not to play in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in his time at Louisiana Tech, Mr. Robertson completed one hundred seventy-nine of four hundred eleven passing attempts for two thousand two hundred thirty-seven yards and threw twelve touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, when he was approached to play professionally for the Washington Redskins, he declined because football conflicted with hunting season; and

WHEREAS, satisfying his passion for hunting rather than being on the gridiron, he became an entrepreneur in a dilapidated shed, where he spent twenty-five years making duck calls from Louisiana cedar trees, building his first call from a piece of walnut in 1972; and

WHEREAS, from its humble beginnings, the Duck Commander brand has become a household name in quality duck calls and has branched off to make an array of other products, including DVDs, Duck Commander shotguns, Cajun-style marinade, and shows made for the small screen; and

WHEREAS, Phil Robertson and his family also starred in the wildly successful reality show, *Duck Dynasty*, on the A&E Network; and

WHEREAS, realizing the importance of education, Mr. Robertson later earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in education; and

WHEREAS, the successful career of Phil Robertson has rightly earned him 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 Phil Robertson on being named to the 2020 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Phil Robertson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE