

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER AND SENATOR PEACOCK

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend the Shreveport Mudbugs hockey team owner Tommy Scott, general manager Scott Muscutt, and the entire organization for successfully bringing the sport of hockey back to Shreveport, Louisiana, and to the Hirsch Memorial Coliseum.

WHEREAS, Shreveport Mudbugs team owner Tommy Scott and general manager Scott Muscutt were largely responsible for the planning and organization necessary to establish the North American Hockey League (NAHL) team; and

WHEREAS, 2016-2017 was the first season of hockey played in the Shreveport-Bossier City area since 2011; and

WHEREAS, the 2016-2017 season was a memorable one for the Mudbugs organization, which was named organization of the year, and for general manager Scott Muscutt, who was named general manager of the year; and

WHEREAS, the Mudbugs finished the season in second place in the NAHL South Division with a record of thirty-five wins, nineteen losses, and six ties; and

WHEREAS, head coach Karlis Zimis was instrumental in the success of the Mudbugs' season and is deserving of acknowledgment for his commitment and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Mudbugs' team deserves recognition as four players have made NCAA Division I commitments, including defenseman Croix Evingson, who has committed to UMass-Lowell; Evingson had one of the better seasons for a defenseman in NAHL history, scoring fifty-two points, and was also selected to play in the 2017 NAHL Top Prospects Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the renewed spirit in the community was seen throughout the season as the Mudbugs finished second overall in league-wide attendance with an average of 2,850 fans per game; and

WHEREAS, the home of the Shreveport Mudbugs, Hirsch Memorial Coliseum has a storied history including hosting an American Basketball Association team, numerous professional wrestling events, and many music events, including Elvis Presley and the Louisiana Hayride; and

WHEREAS, the Mudbugs were also winners off the ice, visiting local hospitals and schools, serving meals in the community, and assisting with local youth hockey programs; and

WHEREAS, the Shreveport Mudbugs hockey organization merits a sincere measure of commendation and congratulations for the success they achieved in their first year of hockey in Shreveport, Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Shreveport Mudbugs hockey team owner Tommy Scott, general manager Scott Muscutt, and the entire organization for successfully bringing the sport of hockey back to Shreveport, Louisiana and to the Hirsch Memorial Coliseum; does hereby recognize the team for its outstanding 2016-2017 season; and does hereby wish the Mudbugs continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to owner Tommy Scott and general manager Scott Muscutt.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE