

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 180

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Tommy Hodson upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Tommy Hodson, acclaimed LSU quarterback, upon the occasion of his
3 induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and was
5 intended, in the words of Otis Harris, sports editor of the *Shreveport Journal*, to be "the
6 Louisiana Hall of Fame – a hall of fame for the state's greatest athletes, men or women,
7 amateur or professional, living or dead"; and

8 WHEREAS, though the Hall of Fame was begun over fifty years ago, it is only this
9 year that it has a permanent and appropriate home to recognize Louisiana's greatest sports
10 heroes, for on Friday, June 28, 2013, the grand opening will be held for the stunning twenty-
11 three million dollar Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History
12 Museum in the National Historic District of Natchitoches; and

13 WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the
14 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 29, 2013, is one of the all-time great LSU
15 Tigers, a man who truly meets the standard for the Hall of Fame advanced in 1950 that still
16 abides today, for Thomas Paul Hodson is surely one of the state's greatest athletes; and

17 WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson, a native of Mathews, in Lafourche Parish, thrilled all
18 of Louisiana in one of the greatest athletic careers ever witnessed in Tiger Stadium, as he set
19 a host of LSU and Southeastern Conference records; and

20 WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson was the starting quarterback for LSU from 1986
21 through 1989 and compiled a 31-14-1 record, and he still holds the LSU career passing

1 record of 9,115 yards, the LSU career record of sixty-nine touchdown passes, and LSU
2 career records for passing attempts at 1,163 and for passing completions with 967, and these
3 statistics were Southeastern Conference records at the time; and

4 WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson was a four-time All-SEC quarterback, became the first
5 passer in the Southeastern Conference to pass for over eight thousand yards and the first
6 SEC player to throw for over two thousand yards in four consecutive seasons, and at the time
7 was only the twelfth player in NCAA history to pass for over nine thousand yards; and

8 WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson was mentioned as a Heisman Trophy candidate in his
9 junior and senior seasons at LSU, and is still remembered throughout the state as the redshirt
10 freshman who led LSU in 1986 to an upset of No. 7 Texas A&M and an SEC title, as well
11 as for the miraculous touchdown toss to Eddie Fuller to defeat No. 4 Auburn in the
12 Earthquake Game in Tiger Stadium; and

13 WHEREAS, Tommy Hodson's career also included a standout career at Central
14 Lafourche High School, where as a senior he led the Trojans to a 13-1 record while racking
15 up 4,361 yards passing and 36 touchdowns, and he also had a seven-season, four-team
16 professional football career that began with a third-round selection in the 1990 NFL draft
17 by the New England Patriots and concluded with a backup quarterback role for the New
18 Orleans Saints; and

19 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Tommy Hodson for
20 his peerless athletic career and for his well-deserved induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall
21 of Fame, for he is truly one of Louisiana's greatest athletes.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tommy Hodson, illustrious LSU
24 quarterback, upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to Tommy Hodson.

DIGEST

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