

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 198

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Kevin Mawae, LSU and NFL football great, upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

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

WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 29, 2013, is Kevin Mawae, who was an outstanding left tackle, left guard, center, and long snapper for the Louisiana State University (LSU) Tigers from 1990-1993, who truly meets the standard for the Hall of Fame, for he is surely one of the state's greatest athletes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mawae earned first-team All-SEC honors in 1991, and he capped his college career with the prestigious honor of being selected to play in both the Blue-Gray Game and the Senior Bowl; and

WHEREAS, upon being selected in the second round of the 1994 National Football League (NFL) draft by the Seattle Seahawks as the thirty-sixth player taken overall, Mr. Mawae played his first two NFL seasons at guard, moving to center in 1996 and playing the position for the next fourteen years for the Seahawks, the New York Jets, and the Tennessee Titans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mawae was one of the NFL's top offensive linemen for sixteen seasons, and he started an amazing two hundred thirty-eight out of two hundred forty-one games he played in the NFL, including twelve years in which he started all sixteen regular season games; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mawae was named to seven All-Pro teams, including the Associated Press first team three times, and he was selected to the Pro Bowl eight times, six of which were consecutive selections from 1999-2004, with his final two Pro Bowl selections in 2008 and 2009 when he was in his late thirties; and

WHEREAS, during the 2008 offseason, Mr. Mawae spent two weeks with his family in Africa where they worked with Children's Cup International Relief, and he served on the Players Association Executive Committee from 2002-2013, capping his tenure there with a four-year term as president, a role in which he was instrumental in resolving the 2011 labor dispute; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kevin Mawae upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kevin Mawae.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES