

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIGUEZ, BOURRIAQUE, AND NANCY LANDRY

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Joe Cormier, III, for his outstanding achievements in youth baseball

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Joe Cormier, III, upon his 2019 induction into the International Babe Ruth
3 Hall of Fame and for his many achievements in youth baseball.

4 WHEREAS, a love of sports led seven-year-old Joe Cormier to minor league
5 baseball, where he played two years; in 1960, Joe moved up to little league baseball, which
6 served as a springboard to Babe Ruth baseball; in three years, from 1963 to 1965, Joe played
7 on two Babe Ruth league championship winning teams and tied for the championship in his
8 final season of play; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1974, Joe served on the stadium committee for the Babe Ruth World
10 Series, the first world series hosted in Louisiana; played in Abbeville, the series broke
11 attendance records and was the first one to make a profit for the Babe Ruth league; and

12 WHEREAS, in the twenty years from 1975 to 1995, Joe Cormier coached 15-year-
13 olds in Abbeville, was named assistant coach for the first Louisiana Babe Ruth 13-year-olds
14 state tournament, served as president for the A. A. Comeaux Babe Ruth League in Abbeville
15 for five years and was inducted into the A. A. Comeaux Vermilion Youth Hall of Fame for
16 Babe Ruth Baseball; he was also Louisiana Assistant District 3 commissioner, coached 10-
17 year-olds in the Abbeville Bambino League, was manager of the 10-year-old Louisiana
18 Bambino and the Southwest Regional runner-up teams, served as assistant director for the
19 15-year-olds state tournament, and was named financial director for the Cal Ripken World
20 Series in Abbeville after he raised \$100,000 in three years for the renovation of Ralph Sellers
21 Field; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe is a member of the national Babe Ruth World Series task force and
2 the Babe Ruth Golden Alumni Club, chairman of the Babe Ruth Southwest Region Hall of
3 Fame committee, commissioner of the 13-to-15 year-olds division of the Southwest Region,
4 and a member of the national Babe Ruth Alumni Association, from which he received the
5 Golden Bat Award as the top fundraiser in the Southwest Region; he is a member of the
6 Capital Building committee; in 2013, Joe established the Louisiana Babe Ruth Hall of Fame,
7 and since 2014, Chevron Corporation has donated \$1,000 yearly to Babe Ruth, Incorporated,
8 in the name of Joe Cormier in recognition of his many years of volunteerism to the
9 organization; and

10 WHEREAS, in January 2015, Joe Cormier was inducted into the Louisiana Babe
11 Ruth Hall of Fame; in April 2015, he was inducted into the Babe Ruth Southwest Region
12 Hall of Fame and was appointed national vice chairman of the Babe Ruth League Alumni
13 Association, national chairman of its fundraising development committee, and is a member
14 of its steering committee with responsibilities for the management and monitoring of long-
15 term plans and investment projects for the association; and

16 WHEREAS, in recognition of forty-one years of exemplary service to Babe Ruth,
17 Incorporated, Joe Cormier, III, was inducted in February 2019 into the International Babe
18 Ruth Hall of Fame; he has been named director of the 14-year-olds Southwest Regional
19 Tournament in Eagle Pass, Texas, which will be played in July 2019, and has been appointed
20 director of the 2nd Annual Cal Ripken Invitational Tournament in Jansen Beach, Florida,
21 in August 2019; Joe has ushered more than three thousand children into the world of
22 baseball and softball in Houma, more than three hundred fifty in St. Francisville, and more
23 than four hundred in Ascension Parish; and

24 WHEREAS, Joe Cormier, III, has dedicated much of his life to introducing and
25 fostering young athletes in the American favorite pastime of baseball; he believes the heart
26 of a volunteer is not measured in size, but in the depth of his commitment to making a
27 difference in the lives of others; it is fitting to recognize his volunteer heart and to herald his
28 outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Louisiana and to the Southwest Region
29 of Babe Ruth League, Incorporated.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Joe Cormier, III, for his outstanding work
3 in youth sports and his unwavering dedication to Babe Ruth baseball and does hereby
4 express enduring pride at his induction into the International Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
6 to Joe Cormier, III.

DIGEST

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