

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

A RESOLUTION

To commend Jack Hains on 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, on June 30, 2018, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, eight all-time greats are officially joining the ranks of Louisiana sports legends; and

WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame is Jack Hains, 1975 Bassmaster Classic Champion; and

WHEREAS, a crop duster from Rayne, Louisiana, Jack Hains was one of the early champions of competitive bass fishing; in 1975, Mr. Hains captured the fifth annual Bassmaster Classic in Currituck Sound, North Carolina; a rookie angler on the circuit, Jack caught eighteen bass weighing forty-five pounds, four ounces; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hains went on to qualify for seven Bassmaster Classic tournaments; he competed in the late 1990s on the Walmart Fishing League Worldwide Tour; he has competed in one hundred fifty-two tournaments in his career and has finished in the top ten a total of twenty-four times and has also had thirty-five top-twenty showings; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Jack Hains for his peerless fishing career and for his well-deserved induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, for he is truly one of Louisiana's greatest competitive fishermen, and it is fitting to herald his sportsmanship and expertise in the world of competitive sports fishing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Jack Hains upon his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; does hereby commend Mr. Hains for his accomplishments in competitive bass fishing; and does hereby extend to him best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jack Hains.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES