

109TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 585

Commending the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League for winning their Monday Night Football game on Monday, September 25, 2006 by a score of 23 to 3.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2006

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast were severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005 and the subsequent levee breaks which occurred;

Whereas southwestern Louisiana and the State of Louisiana were severely impacted by Hurricane Rita on September 24, 2005;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints and the Louisiana Superdome have always been special symbols of pride to the City of New Orleans and to the State of Louisiana;

Whereas, due to the leadership and hard work of the men and women who rebuilt the Superdome, as well as to the partnership of the National Football League, the State of Louisiana and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Louisiana Superdome was able to reopen on Monday, September 25, 2006—13 months since the last New Orleans Saints home game was played there;

Whereas the return of the New Orleans Saints to the Louisiana Superdome serves as a symbol of hope for the great rebuilding of the City of New Orleans, the State of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast region;

Whereas the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana showed its pride and support for the New Orleans Saints with an attendance of 70,003 fans at the September 25, 2006 game;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints won their first game in the Louisiana Superdome since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by defeating the Atlanta Falcons, 23–3;

Whereas with the win over the Atlanta Falcons on Monday, September 25, 2006, the New Orleans Saints improve their record for the 2006–2007 season to a total of 3 wins and 0 losses, matching its win total from the 2005–2006 season and is 1 of just 6 National Football League teams with a record of 3 wins and 0 losses;

Whereas Head Coach Sean Payton led the New Orleans Saints to win their first 3 games of the 2006–2007 season and showed his appreciation to the City of New Orleans by giving the game ball to the city;

Whereas wide receiver Devery Henderson scored a touchdown on an 11 yard run in the game;

Whereas cornerback Curtis Deloach scored a touchdown following the blocked punt by Steve Gleason;

Whereas place kicker John Karney kicked 3 field goals in the game;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints defense held the Atlanta Falcons to 229 total yards in the game and had 5 sacks on the quarterback;

Whereas quarterback Drew Brees completed 20 of 28 pass attempts for a total of 191 yards in the game;

Whereas running back Deuce McAllister had 81 rushing yards and running back Reggie Bush had 53 rushing yards in the game;

Whereas the entire team and organization should be commended for their work together over the past 13 months;

Whereas the New Orleans Saints have demonstrated their excellence in athletics and have shown their commitment to the City of New Orleans and to the State of Louisiana through their hard work and sportsmanship; and

Whereas, with the triumphant return of the New Orleans Saints, the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana have proven to be open for business and ready to continue the recovery of the city, State, and region: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate commends the New Orle-
 2 ans Saints of the National Football League for winning
 3 their Monday, September 25, 2006 National Football
 4 League game with the Atlanta Falcons, by a score of 23–
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