

Senate Resolution 13EX

By: Senator Seay of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Renee Montgomery; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Renee Montgomery is a former American basketball player who serves with
3 distinction as a sports analyst for NBA and ESPN, celebrity host to numerous media outlets,
4 and part-owner and vice president of the WNBA Atlanta Dream; and

5 WHEREAS, during her 11 year career playing in the Women's National Basketball
6 Association, Renee won two championships with the Minnesota Lynx (2015, 2017) and won
7 a national championship with the UConn Huskies (2009); and

8 WHEREAS, while attending South Charleston High School Montgomery, she was the
9 captain of her basketball team each year of her high school career and also played on the
10 varsity soccer team; and

11 WHEREAS, after being admitted to the University of Connecticut Montgomery, she
12 continued to excel in basketball, and in 2006, she was named Big East Conference Freshman
13 of the Year; in her sophomore year, she led the USA U-20 National Team to a gold medal
14 during the summer prior to the start of the season at the FIBA U-20 Championship for

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15 Women in Mexico City, and during her senior year, she became the first Husky to be
16 recognized in the "Huskies of Honor" while still playing in a Husky uniform; and

17 WHEREAS, Renee began her WNBA career with the Minnesota Lynx in 2009, and on
18 February 1, 2018, she signed a multi-year contract with the Atlanta Dream as the team's
19 starting point guard; and

20 WHEREAS, she has had a remarkable career in the United States, being a six-time Woman
21 of the Year and two-time WNBA Champion who has played on basketball teams overseas
22 in countries such as Israel, Australia, Lithuania, and Russia; and

23 WHEREAS, in February 2021, she became part-owner of the Atlanta Dream, making her the
24 first former WNBA player to become an executive and owner of a WNBA franchise.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 commend Renee Montgomery for her contributions to the sport of basketball and extend their
27 most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Renee
30 Montgomery.