

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches upon the grand opening of its new facility

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame upon the grand opening of the new museum  
3 facility in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

4 WHEREAS, more than a half-century after inducting the first class of sports legends  
5 into the museum, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame will open its doors on June 28, 2013,  
6 in a new, state-of-the-art facility that will make readily accessible the accomplishments and  
7 athletic feats of the state's greatest athletes; and

8 WHEREAS, these athletes represent the highest ideals of dedication, determination,  
9 and perseverance, which qualities are worthy of admiration, and the lives and  
10 accomplishments of the athletes themselves may serve as a guiding influence for future  
11 generations; and

12 WHEREAS, the strict standards for induction conceived at the Hall of Fame's outset  
13 in the 1950s still prevail upon the selection process today, ensuring that only those who meet  
14 the highest levels of athletic achievement and excellence are eligible to be enshrined in the  
15 museum; and

16 WHEREAS, despite induction ceremonies for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame  
17 taking place for two decades, the Hall of Fame did not have a physical presence in which to  
18 permanently display the accomplishments of its members until the early 1970s when the city  
19 of Natchitoches and Northwestern State University teamed up to give the Hall of Fame a  
20 home; and

1           WHEREAS, many present and past local and state officials have worked to develop  
2 the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame into the exceptional state museum it is today; and

3           WHEREAS, the decades of tireless effort to develop the Louisiana Sports Hall of  
4 Fame from an idea into an established and respected museum will come to fruition on the  
5 night of June 28, 2013, when the museum opens its doors to the public for the first time in  
6 the new \$23 million, 27,500-square foot facility and welcomes citizens from all walks of life  
7 to revel in the victories and accomplishments of some of Louisiana's most exceptional  
8 athletes.

9           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on the  
11 grand opening of its new, state-of-the-art facility and does hereby honor all of the current  
12 and future inductees of the museum.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
14 to Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne and to Lisa Babin, president, and Doug Ireland,  
15 executive director, of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Foundation.

---

#### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

---

Cox

HR No. 224

Commends the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame upon the grand opening of the new museum facility in Natchitoches, Louisiana.