

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 224

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX, ABRAMSON, ADAMS, ANDERS, ARMES, ARNOLD, BADON, BARRAS, BARROW, BERTHELOT, BILLIOT, STUART BISHOP, WESLEY BISHOP, BROADWATER, BROSSETT, BROWN, BURFORD, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CARTER, CHAMPAGNE, CHANEY, CONNICK, CROMER, DANAHAY, DIXON, DOVE, EDWARDS, FANNIN, FOIL, FRANKLIN, GAINES, GAROFALO, GEYMANN, GISCLAIR, GREENE, GUILLORY, GUINN, HARRIS, HARRISON, HAVARD, HAZEL, HENRY, HENSGENS, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HONORE, HOWARD, HUNTER, HUVAL, IVEY, GIROD JACKSON, KATRINA JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, JONES, KLECKLEY, LAMBERT, NANCY LANDRY, TERRY LANDRY, LEBAS, LEGER, LEOPOLD, LOPINTO, LORUSSO, MACK, MILLER, MONTOUCET, MORENO, JAY MORRIS, JIM MORRIS, NORTON, ORTEGO, PEARSON, PIERRE, PONTI, POPE, PRICE, PUGH, PYLANT, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, RITCHIE, ROBIDEAUX, SCHEXNAYDER, SCHRODER, SEABAUGH, SHADOIN, SIMON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STOKES, TALBOT, THIBAUT, THIERRY, THOMPSON, WHITNEY, ALFRED WILLIAMS, PATRICK WILLIAMS, AND WILLMOTT

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, despite induction ceremonies for the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame taking place for two decades, the Hall of Fame did not have a physical presence in which to

permanently display the accomplishments of its members until the early 1970s when the city of Natchitoches and Northwestern State University teamed up to give the Hall of Fame a home; and

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES