

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 138

BY SENATOR LONG

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Ervin Johnson for being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Ervin Johnson for being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame
3 Induction Class.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, was
5 accepted in the state museum system in the 2003 Regular Legislative Session, setting the
6 stage for Louisiana and the city of Natchitoches to collaborate with the Louisiana Sports
7 Writers Association; and

8 WHEREAS, born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Johnson attended high school in
9 Jonesville, Louisiana, and worked in a Baton Rouge, Louisiana, supermarket for two years,
10 before going on to play college basketball at the University of New Orleans (UNO) under
11 coach Tim Floyd; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson played as a six foot-four, two hundred and forty-five pound
13 center from the UNO, and was selected twenty-third overall by the Seattle SuperSonics in
14 the 1993 National Basketball Association (NBA) draft, and played for the Sonics, Denver
15 Nuggets, Minnesota Timberwolves, and Bucks in two separate stints; and

16 WHEREAS, UNO recorded eighty-seven victories during Ervin Johnson's time with
17 the program, and earned two National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament
18 bids and one National Invitation Tournament appearance; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was the second all-time leading scorer in UNO history
2 with 1,608 points, first all-time field goal percentage with 59 percent, first all-time in
3 double-doubles with 55, first all-time rebounds with one 1,287 or 10.5 points per game, third
4 all-time in double-figure scoring games with 81, eighth all-time in steals with 109, second
5 all-time in games played with 123, and first all-time in blocks with 294; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was named All-American South Conference for the 1990-
7 1991 season, All-Sun Belt Conference for the 1991-1992 season, and was the 1992-1993 Sun
8 Belt Conference Player of the Year; and

9 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson was named Basketball Times Second Team All-
10 American for the 1992-1993 season, and Third Team All-American by Basketball Weekly
11 and United Press International, and Honorable Mention All-American for the same season
12 by the Associated Press; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1993 he was named the MVP of the National Association of
14 Basketball Coaches, and his number forty, Privateer jersey was retired December 29, 1997,
15 at the Lakefront Arena; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson played professionally for thirteen seasons, also spending
17 time in Denver, Milwaukee, and Minnesota where he averaged 4.1 points, 6.1 rebounds and
18 1.3 blocks for his 845-game career; and

19 WHEREAS, his best seasons came in 1996-1997 with Denver when he averaged 7.1
20 points and 11.1 rebounds, and in 1997-1998 with Milwaukee when he averaged 8.0 points
21 per game and 8.5 rebounds per game in starting 163 of a possible 164 games.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby commend and congratulate Ervin Johnson for being named to the 2013
24 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ervin
26 Johnson and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

DIGEST

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