

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY SENATOR LONG

A RESOLUTION

To commend Anna Koll for being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

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

WHEREAS, Anna Koll is one of nine members to be inducted during the grand opening of the twenty-three million dollar museum, which will display, for the first time, state of the art exhibits showcasing Louisiana's remarkable sports history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Anna Koll is described as New Orleans' greatest all-around female athlete in the 1920s and 1930s by *The Times-Picayune*; and

WHEREAS, she won the southern women's tennis championship twice, the Louisiana women's title numerous times, and state titles in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, she set the Southern Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) records in the eighty-meter high hurdles with thirteen point zero and the broad jump with fifteen-eleven, along with the fifty-yard dash and the one hundred and twenty yard hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Koll was part of the New Orleans team which won the Southern AAU championship for four straight years from 1926-1929, winning one individual title; and

WHEREAS, she helped the Wiltz gymnasium win the AAU indoor baseball title three straight years, leading the league in batting each season; and

WHEREAS, she played on the Wiltz basketball team and made the all-state team for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, even after her death in 1988 at the age of eighty-three, Anna Koll is still considered to be a Louisiana version of versatile female Olympian Babe Didrikson Zaharias.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Anna Koll for being named to the 2013 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the family of Anna Koll and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE