

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Angela Ortiz, a student at Anacoco High School in Vernon Parish, upon the occasion of her signing a national letter of intent committing her to play basketball at Louisiana College, beginning in the fall.

WHEREAS, despite having her senior year of basketball cut short by surgery to repair the anterior cruciate ligament and the meniscus in her right knee, Angela will be playing basketball next year not far from home; and

WHEREAS, since the injury to her knee and the repair surgery on March 2, 2012, Angela has been running and working hard to return to playing shape for another season of basketball, this time at the college level; and

WHEREAS, Angela's injury sidelined her for the last seven games of the 2012 season, all wins until a heart-breaking loss to eventual state champion, Fairview, in the semi-finals of the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, despite her disappointment in not being able to play down the stretch, Angela was always on the bench, cheering her teammates on; and

WHEREAS, according to her father, Ray Ortiz, Angela has a strong head and has been a very determined young woman and "she has a great work ethic and we are very confident that she will continue working hard"; and

WHEREAS, Angela will have the chance to fulfill her dream of playing basketball at the college level; and

WHEREAS, Angela is a two-time All-Vernon and All-District performer in basketball; she also is the proud holder of a 3.67 grade point average and will receive an academic scholarship to Louisiana College, a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 3 institution in Pineville, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, despite suffering a season-ending injury late in the season, Angela was an honorable mention all-state selection, averaged thirteen points, seven rebounds, and five steals per game, and led the District 5-B Lady Indians to an undefeated season in league

play; and

WHEREAS, Angela states that she has learned from Coach Michele Goins to be a leader on and off the court, and she intends to take the skills and knowledge that she has learned at Anacoco High School to Louisiana College, seeking further success both in basketball and in her college studies.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Angela Ortiz upon the occasion of her signing a national letter of intent committing her to play basketball at Louisiana College in the fall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Angela Ortiz.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE