

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATORS BERNARD, ABRAHAM, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CATHEY, CLOUD, CORTEZ, FIELDS, FOIL, HARRIS, HENRY, HEWITT, JACKSON, LAMBERT, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, POPE, PRICE, REESE, SMITH, TARVER, WARD, WHITE AND WOMACK

A RESOLUTION

To commend Courtney Blades-Rogers on being named as a 2021 inductee to the 2021 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talent worthy of being named to the hall of fame; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Courtney Blades-Rogers; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Blades-Rogers was born on May 16, 1989, in Baton Rouge; she attended Belaire High School and was a four-time all-state pitcher; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating she enrolled at Nicholls State University and the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) where she had a career record of 151-34 with 77 shutouts and an 0.97 ERA; and

WHEREAS, she chalked up a then-NCAA record of 1,773 strikeouts in 1,261.2 innings pitched; and

WHEREAS, she was the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1998 at Nicholls, then transferred to USM (following Nicholls coach Lu Harris) and led the Golden Eagles to the Women's College World Series in 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Blades-Rogers is a two-time first-team All-American who threw three no-hitters with a perfect game and set an NCAA single-season record with 497 strikeouts in 1999; and

WHEREAS, as a senior, Courtney Blades-Rogers was a 2000 Honda National Softball Player of the Year after winning NCAA single-season record 52 games with four no-hitters and two perfect games; and

WHEREAS, she pitched a perfect game against No. 1 Arizona and established NCAA records for career wins 151 and strikeouts 1,773 even though both have since been surpassed; and

WHEREAS, she proved to be more than a pitcher, hitting .320 during her two seasons at Nicholls and .307 at USM; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Blades-Rogers is the first softball player to be inducted into the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the successful career of Courtney Blades-Rogers has rightly earned her a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Courtney Blades-Rogers on being named to the 2021 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Courtney Blades-Rogers.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE