

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 139

BY SENATOR LONG

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

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Anna Koll 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 to develop a new museum; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 family of Anna Koll 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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