

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 190

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Chanda Rubin upon her induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Chanda Rubin, international pro tennis star, upon the occasion of her induction
3 into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1958 and was
5 intended, in the words of Otis Harris, sports editor of the *Shreveport Journal*, to be "the
6 Louisiana Hall of Fame – a hall of fame for the state's greatest athletes, men or women,
7 amateur or professional, living or dead"; and

8 WHEREAS, though the Hall of Fame was begun over fifty years ago, it is only this
9 year that it has a permanent and appropriate home to recognize Louisiana's greatest sports
10 heroes, for on Friday, June 28, 2013, the grand opening will be held for the stunning twenty-
11 three million dollar Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Northwest Louisiana History
12 Museum in the National Historic District of Natchitoches; and

13 WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the
14 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, June 29, 2013, is one of the few Louisiana
15 natives to make it on the pro tennis circuit, a woman who truly meets the standard for the
16 Hall of Fame advanced in 1950 that still abides today, for Chanda Rubin is surely one of the
17 state's greatest athletes; and

18 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin, a native of Lafayette, thrilled all of Louisiana in one of
19 the greatest careers ever witnessed in pro tennis, as she became an international star and a
20 frequent contender for the most prized titles in tennis; and

1 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin earned just under \$4.47 million in winning seven titles
2 on the Women's Tennis Association Tour (WTA) and two more International Tennis
3 Federation (ITF) events; and

4 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin compiled a career singles record of 399-254, and was
5 ranked as high as No. 6 in the world in April 1996, a ranking that came three months after
6 she reached the semifinals of the Australian Open; and

7 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin also reached the French Open quarters in 1995, 2000,
8 and 2003, Wimbledon's fourth round in 2002, and the U.S. Open fourth round in 1995 and
9 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin won the 1992 Wimbledon Junior Singles Championship
11 at the age of 16; and

12 WHEREAS, in doubles, Chanda Rubin enjoyed even more Grand Slam success by
13 way of posting a 226-160 career record with ten WTA and three ITF tournament crowns, and
14 achieving her highest world ranking at No. 9 in 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin teamed with Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario to win the 1996
16 Australian Open doubles title and also reached the 1999 U.S. Open finals as well as the
17 semis at Wimbledon in 2002 and the French Open in 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, Chanda Rubin is a member of the Louisiana Tennis Hall of Fame and
19 United States Tennis Association's Southern Tennis Hall of Fame and is a respected
20 spokesperson for her sport locally and globally; and

21 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana wishes to
22 recognize Chanda Rubin for her peerless athletic career and for her well-deserved induction
23 into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, for she is truly one of Louisiana's greatest athletes.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Chanda Rubin, international pro tennis star,
26 upon the occasion of her induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
28 to Chanda Rubin.

DIGEST

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