

1 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson never played high school basketball and was bagging
2 groceries in Baton Rouge when he was brought to the attention of then University of New
3 Orleans (UNO) coach Tim Floyd, at which point he quickly established himself as a team
4 leader; and

5 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson played from 1990 to 1993 at UNO, and was the Sun Belt
6 Conference Player of the Year in 1993 when *Basketball Times* made him a second-team All-
7 American; and

8 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson helped lead UNO to two National Collegiate Athletic
9 Association (NCAA) Tournaments and one National Invitation Tournament (NIT) during
10 his time there, and he finished as the second-leading scorer in UNO history with 1,608 points
11 scored, and was UNO's all-time leader in rebounds (1,287), blocked shots (294), field goal
12 percentage (.590), and double-doubles (55); and

13 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson averaged 13.1 points and 10.5 rebounds for his college
14 career, and was the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the National Association of Basketball
15 Coaches (NABC) All-Star game in 1993; and

16 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson's jersey was retired in 1997 and in 2005 he was named
17 to the Sun Belt Conference All-Time team; and

18 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson then moved on to the NBA, where he was a first-round
19 draft pick by Seattle in 1993, and later spent time with Denver, Milwaukee, and Minnesota;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson played thirteen seasons in the NBA, where he averaged
22 4.1 points, 6.1 rebounds, and 1.3 blocks per game over his 845-game career; and

23 WHEREAS, Ervin Johnson's best seasons came in 1996-97 with Denver when he
24 averaged 7.1 points and 11.1 rebounds, and 1997-98 with Milwaukee when he averaged 8.0
25 points and 8.5 rebounds in starting 163 of a possible 164 games those two years; and

26 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Ervin Johnson for his
27 peerless athletic career and for his well-deserved induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall
28 of Fame, for he is truly one of Louisiana's greatest athletes.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Ervin Johnson, legendary basketball player,
3 upon the occasion of his induction into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
5 to Ervin Johnson.

DIGEST

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