

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend April Burkholder Coulter on being inducted into the 2025 class of the

3 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, each year, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches,

5 Louisiana, collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited

6 number of sports figures who embody the character, skill, talent, and accomplishment

7 worthy of being named to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2025 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Class includes April

9 Burkholder Coulter; and

10 WHEREAS, April Burkholder Coulter, a native of Harlingen, Texas, distinguished

11 herself as one of the most accomplished gymnasts in Louisiana State University (LSU)

12 history, competing from 2003 through 2006; and

13 WHEREAS, she remains among the elite in LSU gymnastics history, nearly two

14 decades after her collegiate career, as the school's most decorated gymnast, earning an

15 astounding fourteen All-American honors and securing a school record one hundred eight

16 individual event titles; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2006, April captured the National Collegiate Athletic Association

18 (NCAA) national championship on the balance beam with a score of 9.9125, capping off a

1 career highlighted by exceptional consistency and excellence; and

2 WHEREAS, during her collegiate career, she recorded eight perfect 10.0 scores, four  
3 on floor exercise, two on vault, and two on balance beam, and achieved a career-best 9.95  
4 on the uneven bars; and

5 WHEREAS, she was recognized as the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Freshman  
6 of the Year in 2003, leading the team with twenty individual titles and posting an all-around  
7 score of 39.875 in a tri-meet against Centenary and Texas Woman's University, a score that  
8 remains tied for the school record as of 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, she was named SEC Gymnast of the Year in both 2004 and 2005,  
10 winning a combined fifty-seven individual titles in those two seasons, including perfect  
11 10.0s across three different events in 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2006, April added thirty-one more victories and finished third in the  
13 NCAA all-around competition, further cementing her place as one of LSU's most dominant  
14 athletes; and

15 WHEREAS, LSU head coach D-D Breaux credited April with being to LSU  
16 gymnastics what 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame  
17 inductee, Seimone Augustus, was to LSU women's basketball; and

18 WHEREAS, April's immense level of accomplishment and charisma provided a  
19 magnetic draw that dramatically increased fan interest, attendance, and support of the LSU  
20 gymnastics program during her career, and has continuously provided her with a distinct  
21 legacy in the LSU program and the sport on the collegiate level nationally; and

22 WHEREAS, prior to her collegiate success, April was a three-time Junior Olympic  
23 all-around national champion in 1997, 1999, and 2001, demonstrating excellence from an  
24 early age.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
26 commend April Burkholder Coulter on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana  
27 Sports Hall of Fame.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to April  
29 Burkholder Coulter.

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	DIGEST	
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