

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 190

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX AND ORTEGO

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES