

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Anna Koll, great all-around athlete, 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 a woman described in the 1930s by the *Times-Picayune* as New Orleans' "Greatest All-Around Girl Athlete", a woman who truly meets the standard for the Hall of Fame advanced in 1950 that still abides today, for Anna Koll is surely one of the state's greatest athletes; and

WHEREAS, Anna Koll was versatile in the fields of tennis, track and field, indoor baseball, and basketball, in which she excelled and she contributed greatly to each team on which she participated; and

WHEREAS, Anna Koll won the Southern women's tennis championship twice, the Louisiana women's title several times, and state titles in Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Anna Koll was instrumental in helping the Wiltz gymnasium win the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) indoor baseball title for three consecutive years, leading the league in batting each season; and

WHEREAS, Anna Koll played on the Wiltz basketball team and made the All-Star team for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, in each of the four years that Anna Koll participated on the New Orleans track and field team, she won at least one individual title, and each year the team won the Southern AAU championship; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Anna Koll 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 Anna Koll, great all-around athlete, 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 the family of Anna Koll.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES