

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE COX

A RESOLUTION

To commend Venus Lacy, acclaimed Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters basketball star center, 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, on June 21, 2014, in Natchitoches, Louisiana, eight all-time greats are officially joining the ranks of Louisiana sports legends; and

WHEREAS, among the remarkable class of honorees to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame is Venus Lacy, one of the all-time great members of the Lady Techsters basketball team, and a woman who truly meets the standard for the Hall of Fame advanced in 1950 that still abides today, for Venus Lacy is surely one of the state's greatest athletes; and

WHEREAS, a star center for the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters basketball team from 1988 until 1990, Lacy was twice named as the Player of the Year for both the American South Conference and the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Lacy started as center on Louisiana Tech's 1988 national championship team, the last Techster's team to capture a National Collegiate Athletic Association title; and

WHEREAS, following a senior season that saw her average twenty-four and two tenths points and twelve and seven tenths rebounds per game, in 1990, Lacy was named a Kodak All-American and the United States Basketball Writers Association Champion National Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Lacy finished her Louisiana Tech career with two thousand four points - fourth highest in program history - and is the only Louisiana Tech player to ever average twenty points per game in a career; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a star member of the Lady Techsters national championship team, Lacy was a star member of the 1996 United States Olympic women's basketball team that captured the gold for the United States; and

WHEREAS, prior to retiring from basketball in 1998, Lacy played in the former American Basketball League, Europe, and spent two years with the New York Liberty of the Women's National Basketball Association; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives wishes to recognize Venus Lacy 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 Venus Lacy, illustrious Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters star center, 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 Venus Lacy.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES