

2021 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Courtney Blades-Rogers upon being inducted in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Courtney Blades-Rogers on being named as a 2021 inductee to the 2021
3 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in Natchitoches, Louisiana, each year
5 collaborates with the Louisiana Sports Writers Association in selecting a limited number of
6 sports figures who embody the character, skill, and talent worthy of being named to the hall
7 of fame; and

8 WHEREAS, the 2021 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes
9 Courtney Blades-Rogers; and

10 WHEREAS, Courtney Blades-Rogers was born on May 16, 1989, in Baton Rouge;
11 she attended Belaire High School and was a four-time all-state pitcher; and

12 WHEREAS, upon graduating she enrolled at Nicholls State University and the
13 University of Southern Mississippi (USM) where she had a career record of 151-34 with 77
14 shutouts and an 0.97 ERA; and

15 WHEREAS, she chalked up a then-NCAA record of 1,773 strikeouts in 1,261.2
16 innings pitched; and

17 WHEREAS, she was the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year in 1998 at
18 Nicholls, then transferred to USM (following Nicholls coach Lu Harris) and led the Golden

1 Eagles to the Women's College World Series in 1999 and 2000; and

2 WHEREAS, Courtney Blades-Rogers is a two-time first-team All-American who
3 threw three no-hitters with a perfect game and set an NCAA single-season record with 497
4 strikeouts in 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, as a senior, Courtney Blades-Rogers was a 2000 Honda National
6 Softball Player of the Year after winning NCAA single-season record 52 games with four
7 no-hitters and two perfect games; and

8 WHEREAS, she pitched a perfect game against No. 1 Arizona and established
9 NCAA records for career wins 151 and strikeouts 1,773 even though both have since been
10 surpassed; and

11 WHEREAS, she proved to be more than a pitcher, hitting .320 during her two
12 seasons at Nicholls and .307 at USM; and

13 WHEREAS, Courtney Blades-Rogers is the first softball player to be inducted into
14 the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame; and

15 WHEREAS, the successful career of Courtney Blades-Rogers has rightly earned her
16 a place among the many greats in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
18 does hereby commend and congratulate Courtney Blades-Rogers on being named to the
19 2021 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
21 Courtney Blades-Rogers.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Yoursheka George.

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DIGEST
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Commends Courtney Blades-Rogers, a 2021 inductee to the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.