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2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR BERNARD

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Alana Beard on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To commend Alana Beard on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana Sports
3	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 2023 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class includes Alana
9	Beard; and
10	WHEREAS, born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, Alana Monique Beard is the
11	daughter of LeRoy and Marie Beard; and
12	WHEREAS, Alana is a phenomenal basketball guard and she has played basketball
13	at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels; and
14	WHEREAS, Alana guided the Southwood High School Lady Cowboys' basketball
15	team to four straight Louisiana state titles from 1997-2000 with a 144-6 win/loss record;
16	Alana won 53 straight games to conclude her high school career; she did not lose a home or
17	district game in four years; and the team ended the 2000 season with a final national ranking
18	of No. 21 by USA Today; and

1	WHEREAS, Alana completed high school with a career record of scoring 2,646
2	points and she received numerous All-America honors her senior year including Louisiana's
3	Gatorade Player of the Year, Miss Basketball in Louisiana, and the USA Today Player of the
4	Year; and
5	WHEREAS, Alana was a member of the 2000 USA Basketball Women's Junior
6	World Championship Qualifying Team and competed in Mar Del Plata, Argentina; she led
7	the team with 19 steals and averaged 15.4 points and 4.4 rebounds per game; and she helped
8	the team win a gold medal; and
9	WHEREAS, Alana Beard attended Duke University where she scored 2,687 points,
10	leading the Duke Blue Devils womens basketball team in scoring all four years of her
11	college career, and leading the team to two NCAA Final Four appearances; and
12	WHEREAS, Alana became the first freshman to make the All-Atlantic Coast
13	Conference (ACC) First Team and Duke University's first National Player of the Year; and
14	WHEREAS, Alana went on to become a three-time ACC Player of the Year, a
15	three-time All-ACC Defensive Team honoree, an ESPN Magazine Shooting Guard of the
16	Year; the recipient of the 2002 Wade Trophy; and the first winner of the inaugural Women's
17	John R.Wooden Award; and
18	WHEREAS, Alana was the first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
19	basketball player to amass 2,600 points, 500 assists, and 400 steals; and she was the all-time
20	leading scorer for mens and womens basketball when she left Duke; and
21	WHEREAS, Alana's No. 20 jersey is retired, making her the first Blue Devil's
22	womens basketball player in history to receive the honor; and
23	WHEREAS, Alana left the collegiate ranks as one of the best players to play womens
24	basketball in the history of the NCAA; and
25	WHEREAS, Alana Beard was the second overall pick of the 2004 Women's National
26	Basketball Association (WNBA) draft acquired by the Washington Mystics; and
27	WHEREAS, Alana Beard played 14 seasons with the Washington Mystics and Los
28	Angeles Sparks and averaged 11.3 points, 3.4 rebounds, and 2.5 assists in 419 professional
29	career games; and
30	WHEREAS, WNBA Alana Beard was a member of the Eastern Conference All-Star

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1	team in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2009; and
2	WHEREAS, known as being one of the best defenders in the league, Alana became
3	the fifth WNBA player to earn back-to-back Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2017
4	and 2018; and
5	WHEREAS, Alana Beard was named five times to the WNBA All-Defensive First
6	Team, four times to the WNBA All-Defensive Second Team, and she was a member of the
7	Los Angeles Sparks' 2016 WNBA championship team; and
8	WHEREAS, Alana's career overseas is historical as she won national championships
9	in Israel, Poland, and Spain; and
10	WHEREAS, Alana is passionate about her hometown of Shreveport and has a vision
11	of creating a positive cultural shift in how girls and women experience opportunities as
12	school, in sports, and in business; and
13	WHEREAS, Alana serves as the president and chair of the board of directors of the
14	318 Foundation, a nonprofit organization she founded to inspire positive college, career, and
15	life outcomes for girls in underserved communities across America, and building
16	communities where girls are exposed to a diverse network of industry leaders and
17	life-altering experiences as they strive to become champions of inspiration, hope, and impact
18	for their communities and in their adult lives.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
20	does hereby commend Alana Beard on being inducted into the 2023 class of the Louisiana
21	Sports Hall of Fame.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
23	Alana Beard.

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

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Bernard

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