

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend April Burkholder Coulter on being inducted into the 2025 class of the  
Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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

WHEREAS, the 2025 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Class includes April  
Burkholder Coulter; and

WHEREAS, April Burkholder Coulter, a native of Harlingen, Texas, distinguished  
herself as one of the most accomplished gymnasts in Louisiana State University (LSU)  
history, competing from 2003 through 2006; and

WHEREAS, she remains among the elite in LSU gymnastics history, nearly two  
decades after her collegiate career, as the school's most decorated gymnast, earning an  
astounding fourteen All-American honors and securing a school record one hundred eight  
individual event titles; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, April captured the National Collegiate Athletic Association  
(NCAA) national championship on the balance beam with a score of 9.9125, capping off a  
career highlighted by exceptional consistency and excellence; and

WHEREAS, during her collegiate career, she recorded eight perfect 10.0 scores, four  
on floor exercise, two on vault, and two on balance beam, and achieved a career-best 9.95  
on the uneven bars; and

WHEREAS, she was recognized as the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Freshman  
of the Year in 2003, leading the team with twenty individual titles and posting an all-around  
score of 39.875 in a tri-meet against Centenary and Texas Woman's University, a score that  
remains tied for the school record as of 2023; and

WHEREAS, she was named SEC Gymnast of the Year in both 2004 and 2005, winning a combined fifty-seven individual titles in those two seasons, including perfect 10.0s across three different events in 2005; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, April added thirty-one more victories and finished third in the NCAA all-around competition, further cementing her place as one of LSU's most dominant athletes; and

WHEREAS, LSU head coach D-D Breaux credited April with being to LSU gymnastics what 2024 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, Seimone Augustus, was to LSU women's basketball; and

WHEREAS, April's immense level of accomplishment and charisma provided a magnetic draw that dramatically increased fan interest, attendance, and support of the LSU gymnastics program during her career, and has continuously provided her with a distinct legacy in the LSU program and the sport on the collegiate level nationally; and

WHEREAS, prior to her collegiate success, April was a three-time Junior Olympic all-around national champion in 1997, 1999, and 2001, demonstrating excellence from an early age.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend April Burkholder Coulter on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to April Burkholder Coulter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES