

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY SENATORS SEABAUGH, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, FESI, HENRY, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, MILLER, MYERS, PRESSLY, PRICE, SELDERS AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Vickie Johnson on being inducted into the 2025 class of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, Vickie Johnson was born on April 15, 1972, in Coushatta, Louisiana, and she rose to national prominence as a collegiate basketball star at Louisiana Tech University, one of the premier women's basketball programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, as a Lady Techster, Johnson was selected to the 1994 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) All-Final Four Team, earned both Kodak and Street & Smith's All-America honors in both 1995 and 1996, and she was named the Sun Belt Conference Most Valuable Player in 1995 and 1996 as well as the 1996 Louisiana Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she finished her college career with one thousand eight hundred ninety-one points and eight hundred thirty-one rebounds, cementing her place among Louisiana Tech's all-time greats; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Johnson began her professional career in the Women's National Basketball Association's (WNBA) inaugural season in 1997, launching a thirteen-year career that would make her one of the league's early legends; and

WHEREAS, she played in four hundred ten WNBA games, starting four hundred eight of them, and averaged 10.3 points, 4.0 rebounds, and shot 43.1 percent from the field and 82.1 percent from the free-throw line during her career; and

WHEREAS, she became the first player in WNBA history to record four thousand points, one thousand rebounds, and one thousand assists in a career, and on June 13, 2008, she became the league's all-time leader in minutes played, surpassing eleven thousand minutes; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Johnson played nine seasons with the New York Liberty, earning WNBA All-Star honors in 1999 and 2001, before finishing her career with four seasons at the San Antonio Silver Stars and concluding her final season in 2008 by winning the Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her excellence, leadership, and impact on the Liberty franchise, she was inducted into the New York Liberty's Ring of Honor in 2011; and

WHEREAS, following her playing career, Johnson continued to contribute to the game through coaching and eventually serving as head coach of the WNBA's Dallas Wings for the 2022 season; and

WHEREAS, Vickie Johnson has served as an inspiration to generations of young athletes in Louisiana and across the nation by breaking barriers and setting a standard of excellence, resilience, and professionalism.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Vickie Johnson 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 Vickie Johnson.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES