

1 dedicated her life to advancing education-based athletics and mentoring generations of
2 student-athletes; and

3 WHEREAS, Kathy Holloway has achieved historic distinction as the first female
4 president of both the Louisiana High School Coaches Association and the National High
5 School Athletic Coaches Association; and

6 WHEREAS, her excellence and influence has been recognized through her induction
7 into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 and the National High School
8 Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2021, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association
10 established the "Kathy Holloway Women of Inspiration Award" to be presented annually to
11 a female "that has promoted female athletics by either coaching, serving, supporting or
12 leading high school female athletic programs that focus on changing lives and inspiring
13 women to strive for greatness", with the first recipient of the award being Kathy Holloway;
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15 WHEREAS, Kathy Holloway was a standout basketball player for Poland High
16 School in rural Rapides Parish, leading the school's girls' basketball team to the Louisiana
17 Class C girls' basketball state championship in 1965; and

18 WHEREAS, a few years later, she coached the Tioga High School girls' basketball
19 team to ten playoff appearances, two Sweet 16 berths, and two state runner-up finishes; and

20 WHEREAS, Kathy Holloway stepped away from the Tioga program after 23 years,
21 but later returned to the bench as an assistant coach at Bolton High School helping lead the
22 Bolton Bruins girls' basketball team to the 2003 state semifinals; and

23 WHEREAS, officially retired from coaching, Kathy Holloway continues to serve the
24 athletic community through her work on the Louisiana High School Athletic Association
25 Hall of Fame selection committee and as director of the Upward Basketball program at the
26 First Baptist Church in Pineville, Louisiana; and

27 WHEREAS, Kathy Holloway's enduring legacy is defined not only by wins and
28 accolades but by her unwavering commitment to shaping lives, promoting opportunity, and
29 inspiring generations of young women through athletics.

30 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

