

Regular Session, 2003

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLOT

A RESOLUTION

To commend Miss Cheryl Ford upon the celebration of Cheryl Ford Day on April 25, 2003, in Claiborne Parish.

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford of Homer, a health and physical education major at Louisiana Tech University, is a member of the Lady Techster basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the Claiborne Parish Police Jury has declared Friday, April 25, 2003, Cheryl Ford Day; and

WHEREAS, activities for the day include an afternoon reception at the Police Jury Complex in the former Homer National Bank building where Cheryl and her family will be honored and her outstanding achievements recognized, and after the reception Cheryl will visit the Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford is the daughter of Bonita Ford of Haynesville and Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford led Louisiana Tech University to an overall record of one hundred eighteen victories and sixteen losses during her four years as a member of the Lady Techster basketball team; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford's outstanding effort and commitment to the team led to four regular season conference titles, including two in the Sun Belt Conference and two in the Western Athletic Conference, four conference tournament titles, and four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Elite Eight appearances; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford first displayed her exceptional talents at the high school level where she played for Coach Greg Scriber at Summerfield High School, becoming a three-time all-state selection as well as a three-time District MVP; she also was a member of the 1998 USA World Youth Games Team that earned a 5-1 record and a bronze medal; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford's athletic excellence and importance to Louisiana Tech University are evidenced by the cavalcade of individual accolades earned, including: 2001-2002 Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year; 2002-2003 Western Athletic Conference Player of the Year; 2001-2002 first team All-WAC; 2002-2003 first team All-WAC; 2003 WAC Tournament MVP; 2003 WAC All-Tournament team; 2002 WAC All-Tournament team; 2002-2003 State Player of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association; 2002-2003 first team all-state by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association; and 2001-2002 second team all-state by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the wealth of awards Cheryl Ford has received, she holds numerous school and conference records attesting to her considerable power on the basketball court, including the WAC single season rebounding record, the WAC tournament record for total rebounds, the WAC single season rebounds per game record, and ranks second in Louisiana Tech University school history for rebounds in a single season; and

WHEREAS, in the 2002-2003 season, Cheryl Ford holds three WAC records: rebounding leader (12.9 per game); offensive rebounds (4.62 per game); and defensive rebounds (8.26 per game); and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Ford, embodying the nobility of collegiate athletics, is revered by coaches, players, and peers for her humility, amiability, uncompromising work ethic, and above all, for her fierce competitive nature that acknowledges no boundaries of achievement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Cheryl Ford upon the celebration of Cheryl Ford Day on April 25, 2003, in Claiborne Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Miss Cheryl Ford.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES