

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, GADBERRY, JONES, MCFARLAND, MOORE,
AND THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sue Nicholson on the occasion of her retirement from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, Sue Nicholson has dedicated the larger portion of her professional life to the service of her community; she is retiring from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce after decades of work advocating for businesses and pushing for economic development in northeast Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Sue was the first woman president in the Monroe Chamber of Commerce's history; prior to 1990, the Chamber leadership was mostly white men, but the board has since pushed for more diversity in order to better reflect the businesses and leaders in the community; and

WHEREAS, Sue takes great pride in her many accomplishments throughout her career in public service; she helped make the Monroe Chamber of Commerce financially sound so that it could step away from its reliance on government funding and become a better representative of local business; she also worked with former West Monroe mayor Dave Norris to develop the Ike Hamilton Expo Center; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Nicholson's leadership, the Chamber worked to foster the NOVA Workforce Institute of Northeast Louisiana to support employer-driven job training; the Chamber also hosted days for high school students to be introduced to local business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Sue has also worked with the Ruston Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Boy Scouts of America; she acted as president of the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce for nine years and served as the assistant vice president of external affairs at the University of Louisiana Monroe; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nicholson plans to work with community projects and remain on boards that highlight workforce development and draw tourists to the parish; she is also committed to continuing her assistance with the High School Business Academy and the Kansas Lane extension; and

WHEREAS, Sue Nicholson is most deserving of recognition for her relentless dedication to the Monroe community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sue Nicholson on the occasion of her retirement from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce; does hereby recognize Sue's extensive accomplishments during her career as a public servant; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she enjoy comfort in her well-earned retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sue Nicholson.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES