

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

A RESOLUTION

To commend Shreveport Councilwoman Tabatha Taylor for sponsoring events to bring awareness during Autism Acceptance Month, April 2025.

WHEREAS, April is designated as Autism Awareness Month to promote public awareness about autism spectrum disorder so that autistic individuals are able to achieve the highest quality of life possible; and

WHEREAS, according to the Autism Society of America, one in fifty-four Americans are affected by autism; Tabatha Taylor is a member of the Shreveport City Council whose son, Dominique, was diagnosed with autism at two years old; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor works tirelessly to advocate on behalf of her son and others with autism; she serves as the executive director of the nonprofit Odyssey Foundation, a resource for families, healthcare providers, educators, industry, and communities of Louisiana that works to combat childhood obesity and other childhood illnesses and to assist families of children with autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor recently sponsored "Light it Up Blue" on the Bakowski Bridge of Lights for World Autism Awareness Day, and her main goal is finding resources to assist parents and families of adults with autism; she is truly most deserving of the highest recognition for her inspiring work to support those with autism spectrum disorder.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Shreveport Councilwoman Tabatha Taylor for sponsoring events to bring awareness during Autism Acceptance Month, April 2025, and does hereby encourage all Louisianians to support initiatives that bring awareness to the importance of autism acceptance in Louisiana and throughout the United States.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES