

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BARROW, HILL, HODGES, JACKSON,
NANCY LANDRY, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THIERRY,
WHITNEY, AND WOODRUFF AND SENATORS BROOME, BUFFINGTON,
DORSEY-COLOMB, AND PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kirstyn Marie Torres upon her receipt of a 2015 High School Woman of Excellence Award and scholarship from the La. Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kirstyn Marie Torres upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award
3 from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High
4 School Woman of Excellence and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative
5 Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

6 WHEREAS, Kirstyn Marie Torres is a senior at Assumption High School in
7 Napoleonville where she has maintained a 4.38 GPA and has earned dual enrollment credit
8 with River Parishes Community College for multiple classes; and

9 WHEREAS, in honor of her academic achievement, Kirstyn has been the recipient
10 of the Patrick F. Taylor Foundation Academic Achievement Scholarship, the National
11 Scholar Athlete Award, the Class Rank - Top 10 Award, and the Superior Scholastic
12 Excellence Award; and

13 WHEREAS, she is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, and she has
14 received her specialist certification in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and a
15 certificate for Internet & Computing Core IC3 Certification; in addition to these
16 achievements, she has received top scores on multiple end of course tests in core subjects;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, while excelling in academics, Kirstyn has also excelled in sports; she
19 was a member of the Assumption High School volleyball squad for two years, capturing

1 district titles and playoff wins in both years; she was also a four-year member of the
2 Assumption High School softball team, she served as captain for two years and received the
3 softball letterman award for three years, the softball All-District award, the softball All-
4 Region award, and for two years, the softball All-State award; she has been recognized by
5 United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) as one of the "Best Players in USSSA
6 Softball" for two years and is also the recipient of a softball athletic scholarship from the
7 University of Mobile; and

8 WHEREAS, Kirstyn has been actively involved in leadership and in her community;
9 she was a freshman class committee member, sophomore class committee member, junior
10 class committee treasurer, and senior class committee member; she was also a Student
11 Council class representative, a Louisiana Student Council State Convention attendee, the
12 Science Club reporter, a member of Health Occupations for Students of America (HOSA),
13 and a Louisiana State HOSA Fall Forum attendee; and

14 WHEREAS, she has been a youth leader for three years for her church's Vacation
15 Bible School, has participated in the Youth Bible Study Program, the volunteer Church
16 Clean-Up Group, the Religious Education CCD Program, and has attended various religious
17 education retreats; she was an active participant in the Relay for Life fundraising efforts for
18 the American Cancer Society and a nursing home volunteer throughout her years in high
19 school; and

20 WHEREAS, during her senior year, Kirstyn was chosen to be on the 2014
21 homecoming court and was nominated for the Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year
22 award and the Knights of Columbus, Louisiana State Council, chose her as the recipient of
23 the 2015 Female Catholic Youth Leadership Award; and

24 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the
25 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence
26 across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

27 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics
28 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are
29 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

1 WHEREAS, for 2015, there are six categories for the Women of Excellence Awards:
2 Business, College Woman of Excellence, Health and Medicine, High School Woman of
3 Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

4 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2015 Women of Excellence Awards are being
5 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of
6 Excellence Awards Gala on Tuesday, May 26, 2015; and

7 WHEREAS, Kirstyn Marie Torres has been named a recipient of a 2015 Women of
8 Excellence Award in the category of High School Woman of Excellence and also is a
9 recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her
10 accomplishments and personification of excellence in integrity, character, academics,
11 leadership, and community service; and

12 WHEREAS, Kirstyn Marie Torres merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of
13 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and
14 it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Kirstyn Marie Torres upon her
15 receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's
16 Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 commend Kirstyn Marie Torres upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award
19 from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of High School
20 Woman of Excellence and upon her receipt of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus
21 Foundation Scholarship; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular
22 contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for
23 the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
25 to Kirstyn Marie Torres.

DIGEST

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St. Germain

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