

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 146

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 Tabitha Ann Kearns 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 Tabitha Ann Kearns 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, Tabitha Ann Kearns is a senior at Edward Douglas White Catholic High
7 School in Thibodaux, Louisiana, where she is a servant leader through Key Club; and

8 WHEREAS, she served as the eighth grade and freshman class representative for her
9 school's Key Club, and in 2012, she undertook the position of vice president; Tabitha served
10 as lieutenant governor of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District and supervised
11 thirteen clubs in Lafourche, Terrebonne, and St. Mary parishes; and

12 WHEREAS, through her experience on the district board and her passion for service,
13 Tabitha rose to the position of governor of the three-state district; in this position, she served
14 one hundred fifty active clubs and led a district board consisting of thirteen lieutenant
15 governors and three executive officers; and

16 WHEREAS, Tabitha chose to work with and support The Eliminate Project, a special
17 initiative partnership between Kiwanis International and the United Nations Children's Fund
18 (UNICEF) to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the world; during Tabitha's term

1 as governor, her district raised approximately twenty-five thousand dollars for The Eliminate
2 Project; and

3 WHEREAS, during her five years as a Key Clubber, she has devoted approximately
4 nine hundred hours in service to her home, school, and community; and

5 WHEREAS, through her passion to find a community of teens grounded in faith,
6 Tabitha founded a group called Sisters in Christ, which allows teens to discuss social
7 pressures and share in one another's spiritual journeys; she participated in the 2014 March
8 for Life in Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, Tabitha is also a member of the National Honor Society, Campus
10 Ministry, Retreat Team, Pro-Life Club, Teenage Republican Club, and Student
11 Ambassadors; and

12 WHEREAS, during her career as a distinguished member of Key Club, Tabitha has
13 been named Outstanding Key Clubber for five consecutive years, and received numerous
14 other awards including Outstanding Vice President of the District, Distinguished Lieutenant
15 Governor, National Honor Society Good Character, Daughters of the American Revolution
16 Good Citizen, Thibodaux Chamber of Commerce Teenager of the Year, Houma-Thibodaux
17 Diocese Student of the Year, Outstanding Diocesan Youth Leader, and Edward Douglas
18 White Catholic High School Honor Graduate; and

19 WHEREAS, among her many accomplishments, Tabitha has been a superior-rated
20 pianist for fourteen years and in 2014, she was selected as one of only six teens to perform
21 in the Nicholls State University Monster Piano Concert; and

22 WHEREAS, Tabitha will attend Louisiana State University this fall, where she plans
23 to major in biology with a concentration in pre-medicine; she hopes to become a pediatric
24 oncologist; and

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

28 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics
29 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are
30 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, Tabitha Ann Kearns has been named a recipient of a 2015 Women of
8 Excellence Award in the category of High School Woman of Excellence and is also 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, Tabitha Ann Kearns 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 Tabitha Ann Kearns 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 Tabitha Ann Kearns 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 Tabitha Ann Kearns.

DIGEST

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St. Germain

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