

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend B. Ronnell Nolan, a Baton Rouge businesswoman, upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of business.

WHEREAS, B. Ronnell Nolan is the founder of Health Agents for America, Incorporated (HAFA) and The Nolan Group; currently, she serves on the Louisiana Department of Insurance Agent Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nolan received her Certified Health Care Reform Specialist designation in 2013; and serves on the Louisiana Health Care Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nolan obtained her health insurance associate certificate and serves as a consultant for the Medical Tourism Association International Healthcare Consumers Coalition; she is also a licensed life and health insurance agent and a licensed lobbyist; and

WHEREAS, among her many awards and accomplishments, Ms. Nolan was awarded the Influential Women in Employee Benefits by *Employee Benefit Adviser*; in May of 2014, she was the cover and feature story of the *Employee Benefit Adviser*, and she has often been quoted by the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *LifeHealthPro*, *BenefitsPro*, *Employee Benefit Adviser*, the *Advocate*, and many other local media outlets in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, among her other accomplishments, Ms. Nolan serves as president and CEO for Health Agents for America, Incorporated, an association that represents agents and brokers exclusively; currently, HAFA represents agents in twenty-six states; Ms. Nolan is the field organizer for Medicare Today and has participated in a grassroots effort to introduce, enroll, and educate seniors about Medicare Part D; and

WHEREAS, another notable achievement is that Ms. Nolan worked with Education Station to provide assistance to after-school programs for low-income children to help with their math and English skills; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nolan worked on several important pieces of legislation with former Senator Mary Landrieu including the 2179 Enhancing Access for Agents and Brokers Act and the S1729 Expanded Consumer Choice Act; currently, she is working with Senator Bill Cassidy to equalize the playing field for agents and brokers; and

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

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

WHEREAS, for 2015, there are six categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: Business, College Woman of Excellence, Health and Medicine, High School Woman of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Non-profit of Excellence; and

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

WHEREAS, B. Ronnell Nolan has been named a recipient of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award in the field of Business for her industry and accomplishments which demonstrate her business acumen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Nolan merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend B. Ronnell Nolan upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend B. Ronnell Nolan, a Baton Rouge businesswoman, upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of business; does hereby recognize and record for posterity

her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active and dedicated businesswoman; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride and honor that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to B. Ronnell Nolan.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE