

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 153

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 Jennifer Barnes Maggio upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of Louisiana Hero of Excellence.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Barnes Maggio is an award winning author of four books, a nationally recognized speaker, and the chief executive officer of a global nonprofit support group, The Life of a Single Mom; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maggio has shared her personal journey through homelessness, abuse, and multiple teen pregnancies with audiences around the world, and she has made regular appearances on national radio and television programs; and

WHEREAS, by the time she reached nineteen years of age, Ms. Maggio's life experiences had become her biggest educator as she became a single mother of two children; and

WHEREAS, having graduated as her high school's valedictorian and senior class president, receiving an education remained an important aspect of Ms. Maggio's life, and she pursued her education full-time at night and worked full-time during the day; and

WHEREAS, through her hard work and determination, she became an eleven-time Circle of Excellence winner at a prominent Fortune 500 Company; her success in corporate America has led to several regional and national awards while providing her with experience in human resources, public speaking, recruitment, financial counseling, and management; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Maggio began hosting single parent support groups in her home as a volunteer for her church; this volunteer effort led to the founding of The Life of a Single Mom Ministries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maggio is considered one of the most recognized national advocates of single parent empowerment and success; her passion to help single parents is contagious and her story has inspired millions of single parents around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maggio has received numerous awards in recognition of her outstanding work, some of which include the 2014 Blue Cross Blue Shield Angel Award, the 2012 Baton Rouge Business Report's 40x40 Award, and the 2011 Mother of All Ideas Award; and

WHEREAS, she has been featured in print, television, and radio media; she also works as a columnist with several magazines and websites; 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 specialty, 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 Nonprofit 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, Jennifer Barnes Maggio has been named a recipient of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award in the category of Louisiana Hero of Excellence for her accomplishments which demonstrate she has influenced the lives of people in Louisiana and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Barnes Maggio 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 Jennifer Barnes Maggio 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 Jennifer Barnes Maggio upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of Louisiana Hero of Excellence; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; 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 Jennifer Barnes Maggio.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE