

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 113

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Anna Monhartova, PhD, upon her receipt of a 2016 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation in the category of Louisiana Hero of Excellence.

WHEREAS, Anna Monhartova, PhD, is a 2008 graduate of Tulane University in international development and has been part of the Tulane faculty teaching international development classes and service-learning for eight years, social innovation and social entrepreneurship since 2014, and in 2015, became the program director of Social Innovation & Social Entrepreneurship (SISE) at the Tulane University's Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking; and

WHEREAS, her diverse experience includes community engagement, social entrepreneurship, and nonprofit leadership and management as she has combined education and practice throughout her career, teaching at Tulane University while being actively engaged in development of organizations; and

WHEREAS, while still a doctoral student at Tulane in 2008, Dr. Monhartova was motivated to help post-Katrina New Orleans recover and began giving back to a community that had provided her with opportunity; she co-founded a sports-based youth development nonprofit organization, A's & Aces, to address the lack of safe, enriching, out-of-school-time activities for New Orleans underserved children; and she has been a volunteer ever since, while also guiding the organization as president of the board of directors and teaching full-time at Tulane University; and

WHEREAS, her social entrepreneurial and nonprofit experience with A's & Aces includes guiding the organization since its foundation, being responsible for the overall strategic planning, financial management, monitoring, evaluating, fundraising and grant-writing (contributed to raising over \$1,500,000 in cash and over \$1,000,000 of in-kind resources since 2008) and, in 2013 the organization was selected by the United States Tennis

Association as a National Junior Tennis & Learning Chapter of the Year (out of 600 plus organizations nationally); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Monhartova has received numerous awards for her community work, including recognition for community service and nonprofit work; Millennial Award (2015), Social Entrepreneurship, the Spears Group; New Orleans Saints Community Quarterback Award (2013); St. Elizabeth Guild Volunteer Activist Award (2013); Gambit's 40 Under 40 Award (2013); City Business Women of the Year Honoree (2011); USTA Louisiana Charles Turner Volunteer Service Award (2010); Angel Award for volunteer service from the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Louisiana (2010); Tulane T. Sykes Award for the Talented (2010); City Council Proclamation (2009); USTA Southern Section Educational Merit Award (2008); USTA Louisiana Educational Merit Award (2008, 2010); Torch Award from Tulane Athletics (2008); and Clinton Global Initiative University, Outstanding Commitment Award (2008); 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 2016, there are four categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: College Women of Excellence, High School Women of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2016 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards & Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Anna Monhartova, PhD, has been named a recipient of a 2016 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, Anna Monhartova, PhD, 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 Anna Monhartova, PhD, upon her receipt of a 2016 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 Anna Monhartova, PhD, upon her receipt of a 2016 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 copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Anna Monhartova, PhD.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES