

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

BY SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, BROWN, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Rose Landry Long for her lifelong dedication to community service and to congratulate her upon receipt of the Grassroots Advocacy Award for 2016 presented by the National Friends of Public Broadcasting.

WHEREAS, Rose Long has distinguished herself as a volunteer of the highest caliber; she has served for six years as a member of the board of directors of Friends of Louisiana Public Broadcasting, a nonprofit organization operated to support the operations of Louisiana Educational Television Authority (LETA); and

WHEREAS, Rose Long has dedicated much of her time to the support of Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) and has also served as chairman of its annual Louisiana Legends Gala; and

WHEREAS, in Chicago, Illinois, at the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Annual Meeting held in May 2016, Rose was recognized for her outstanding contributions as a volunteer and fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, the Grassroots Advocacy Award is a prestigious honor bestowed on a volunteer coordinator who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills that result in furthering the goals of public media and provide support for local PBS stations; and

WHEREAS, her sincerity and effervescence have made Rose an essential element in the fundraising activities for LPB, and that financial support has furthered the access of educational programming and cultural enrichment to all the citizens of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, LPB president and CEO Beth Courtney praised Rose Long for her fundraising acumen that was responsible for over \$170,000 in donations earmarked for programming acquisitions at LPB; and

WHEREAS, Rose has spent most of her life as an unselfish proponent for many worthwhile causes; and

WHEREAS, she is an advocate for issues affecting women and children; she has helped to organize and support crisis pregnancy centers in Ruston, Louisiana, and in Rogers, Arkansas, and the establishment of a third organization in Natchitoches, the Women's Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Rose is the wife and helpmate of Senator Gerald Long, Senate President Pro Tempore; their lives together have been a blessed partnership, a grand fifty-year adventure that has been forged in love for each other, for the bonds of family and friends, and for their shared love of Christ; and they serve him as faithful members of First Baptist Church of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS, Rose is not far from her husband's side; they sustain one another through all the trials of public life; and their family of three children and ten grandchildren is such a blessing; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday mornings during session Rose leads a Bible study group and also serves as president of the Legislative Spouses Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Rose's heart is in her service to others and she has committed her life to that purpose and has made outstanding contributions as a volunteer to the betterment of her community and state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby congratulate Rose Landry Long upon receipt of the 2016 Grassroots Advocacy Award presented by the National Friends of Public Broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Rose Long and wish for her continued success in all her philanthropic efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Rose Landry Long.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES