

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER AND MORENO

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Kim Sport of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana for her accomplishments, contributions, and service to her community and state

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Kim Sport of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana for her many  
3 accomplishments, countless contributions, and tireless service to her community and  
4 the state of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Kim Sport, a native of New Orleans, graduated from the schools of  
6 Radiologic and Nuclear Medicine Technology at Charity Hospital of Louisiana in New  
7 Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and Tulane University Law School where she was  
8 inducted into the Order of the Coif; and

9 WHEREAS, after working for many years as the executive counsel to the chief  
10 justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Kim Sport retired in 2000 and began work  
11 volunteering her time and legal services to numerous not-for-profit organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, through this work, in recent years, Kim Sport has made hundreds of  
13 presentations on behalf of not-for-profit organizations in the Greater New Orleans  
14 community and has been the keynote speaker at numerous conferences, convocations, and  
15 graduation ceremonies; and

16 WHEREAS, Kim Sport founded and chaired Jefferson Dollars for Scholars which  
17 has awarded over \$20 million in summer camp and college scholarships to five thousand  
18 students in the Jefferson Parish Public School System; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2001, Kim Sport founded and chaired the state's first United Way  
20 Women's Leadership Council and served on the National Women's Leadership Council of  
21 United Way of America; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2002, Kim Sport served as the first-ever female chair of the United  
2 Way's Regional Fundraising Campaign, and is one of only four women to have chaired the  
3 Board of Trustees for the United Way of Southeast Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, Kim Sport served as the Katrina Recovery Chairman for the United  
5 Way; in 2006, she chaired the "Seeing Is Believing" Conference in New Orleans; and in  
6 2007, she delivered the keynote address – "Katrina: After the Cameras Leave" – at the  
7 National Summit on Women and Philanthropy in San Antonio, Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, a three-time cancer survivor and career advocate, Kim Sport served as  
9 the Local Survivor Chairman of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for  
10 the Cure in 2003, and chaired the 2010 American Cancer Society Hope Gala, the 2011 Key  
11 to the Cure Gala at Sak's Fifth Avenue, and the 2011 House of Pink event in cooperation  
12 with the Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2010, Kim Sport launched "Breastoration", a philanthropic  
14 partnership to assist and educate women contemplating surgical options following a  
15 diagnosis of breast cancer; and

16 WHEREAS, Kim Sport collaborated with the Louisiana State Board of Medical  
17 Examiners to draft the 2012 breast cancer treatment alternatives brochure which is mandated  
18 by state law to be given by physicians to every woman diagnosed with breast cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2013, Kim Sport was named to Ochsner's Women's Health Advisory  
20 Board and co-chaired the patron party for Ochsner's Moonlight and Miracles Gala  
21 benefitting cancer patients; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2013, Kim Sport became the first Public Policy Chairman of United  
23 Way for Southeast Louisiana and during the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature, she  
24 led efforts to have domestic violence legislation introduced to help victims of domestic  
25 abuse immediately divorce their abusers, provide punitive damages for physical and mental  
26 injuries caused by family violence, increase criminal sanctions for domestic abuse and  
27 violations of protective orders, and prohibit abusers from possessing a firearm for the  
28 duration of a protective order issued against the abuser and for ten years after a conviction  
29 for domestic abuse battery. All five bills passed unanimously and were signed into law by  
30 Governor Jindal on May 29, 2014; and

1 WHEREAS, Kim Sport was elected to serve as the first chair of the Louisiana  
2 Commission to Prevent Domestic Violence and has shepherded amendments to over fifty  
3 provisions of domestic violence law; and

4 WHEREAS, for her tireless work advocating for victims of domestic abuse, Kim  
5 Sport received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Louisiana Coalition Against  
6 Domestic Violence, was recognized as a Champion of the New Orleans Family Justice  
7 Center, and was featured in "Five Awake", an award-winning documentary film that  
8 chronicles her work on the historic 2014 legislative package to protect victims of domestic  
9 abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, Kim Sport has been recognized for her many years of work as a  
11 volunteer and advocate by being named the recipient of the National Society of Fundraising  
12 Professionals' Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year Award and the United Way of  
13 Southeast Louisiana's Tocqueville Award, the United Way's highest award for exemplary  
14 leadership in community, volunteerism, and philanthropy; and

15 WHEREAS, Kim Sport serves pro bono as an attorney and advisor in difficult  
16 divorce cases involving family violence and conducts continuing education seminars to  
17 family law and domestic violence professionals; and

18 WHEREAS, Kim Sport received the Louisiana State Bar Association Citizen Lawyer  
19 Award in 2015, the Libby Milton Champion for Children Award in 2016, and was the first  
20 Live United Award Individual honoree; and

21 WHEREAS, Kim Sport was named Louisiana Heroine by the Louisiana Association  
22 of Nonprofit Organizations; Top Female Achiever by New Orleans Magazine; the 2000,  
23 2004, and 2009 Woman of the Year by City Business Magazine; and City Business  
24 Magazine Hall of Fame inductee; and

25 WHEREAS, she received the first statewide Woman of Excellence Award in the  
26 category of Volunteerism and Civic Involvement from the Louisiana Legislative Women's  
27 Caucus, and most recently, she received a Community Quarterback Award from the New  
28 Orleans Saints organization.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
30 commend Kim Sport of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana for her many

1 accomplishments, countless contributions, and tireless service to her community and the  
2 state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to her every good wish for success and happiness  
3 in all of her future endeavors.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
5 to Kim Sport.

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DIGEST

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