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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BRYANT, HUVAL, AND MIGUEZ

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Janet Faulk-Gonzales on the occasion of her retirement from the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Janet Faulk-Gonzales on the occasion of her retirement from the Greater Iberia  
3 Chamber of Commerce.

4 WHEREAS, Janet has served as the president and CEO of the Greater Iberia  
5 Chamber of Commerce since May 5, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Janet's leadership of the chamber included sustaining and building on  
7 community leadership development in Iberia Parish; these objectives were achieved through  
8 programs such as the flagship Leadership Iberia program, which is in its twenty-third year,  
9 and the FireStarter Project, which is a high school leadership program in its fifth year of  
10 operation; and

11 WHEREAS, Janet facilitated a half-day women's leadership conference series called  
12 "Inspire", and she pushed for the creation of a young professionals group for Iberia Parish;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Janet helped to ensure that the services of the Greater Iberia Chamber  
15 of Commerce and auxiliary economic development resources were readily available to all  
16 local businesses on a day-to-day basis; and

17 WHEREAS, she oversaw the pivoting of the chamber's work and direction during  
18 the COVID-19 pandemic to bolster local business and provide relief and stability to the  
19 Iberia Parish economy; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Faulk-Gonzales helped to educate hundreds of local business  
21 owners and community members on sustainable business practices that help small businesses

1 thrive while also supporting the Iberia Parish economy and connecting with fellow local  
2 businesses; and

3 WHEREAS, Janet also championed the World Championship Gumbo Cook Off held  
4 annually in New Iberia; this event is critically important to the region's tourism industry as  
5 it attracts visitors from around the globe; and

6 WHEREAS, she also partnered with local, regional, and state organizations to  
7 connect business leaders with their legislators; and

8 WHEREAS, Janet Faulk-Gonzales is most deserving of the highest recognition for  
9 her incredible commitment to Iberia Parish and for her tireless promotion of South  
10 Louisiana's culture.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Janet Faulk-Gonzales on the occasion of her  
13 retirement from the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce; does hereby recognize her  
14 inspiring dedication to the growth of the Iberia Parish economy and the preservation of the  
15 parish's culture; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she enjoy a comfortable and  
16 prosperous retirement.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Janet  
18 Faulk-Gonzales.

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#### DIGEST

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