

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS, GADBERRY, JONES, MCFARLAND, MOORE,  
AND THOMPSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Sue Nicholson on the occasion of her retirement from  
the Monroe Chamber of Commerce

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sue Nicholson on the occasion of her retirement from the Monroe Chamber  
3 of Commerce.

4 WHEREAS, Sue Nicholson has dedicated the larger portion of her professional life  
5 to the service of her community; she is retiring from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce  
6 after decades of work advocating for businesses and pushing for economic development in  
7 northeast Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Sue was the first woman president in the Monroe Chamber of  
9 Commerce's history; prior to 1990, the Chamber leadership was mostly white men, but the  
10 board has since pushed for more diversity in order to better reflect the businesses and leaders  
11 in the community; and

12 WHEREAS, Sue takes great pride in her many accomplishments throughout her  
13 career in public service; she helped make the Monroe Chamber of Commerce financially  
14 sound so that it could step away from its reliance on government funding and become a  
15 better representative of local business; she also worked with former West Monroe mayor  
16 Dave Norris to develop the Ike Hamilton Expo Center; and

17 WHEREAS, under Ms. Nicholson's leadership, the Chamber worked to foster the  
18 NOVA Workforce Institute of Northeast Louisiana to support employer-driven job training;  
19 the Chamber also hosted days for high school students to be introduced to local business  
20 opportunities; and

1           WHEREAS, Sue has also worked with the Ruston Chamber of Commerce and  
2   Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Boy Scouts of America; she acted as president of  
3   the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce for nine years and served as the  
4   assistant vice president of external affairs at the University of Louisiana Monroe; and

5           WHEREAS, Ms. Nicholson plans to work with community projects and remain on  
6   boards that highlight workforce development and draw tourists to the parish; she is also  
7   committed to continuing her assistance with the High School Business Academy and the  
8   Kansas Lane extension; and

9           WHEREAS, Sue Nicholson is most deserving of recognition for her relentless  
10   dedication to the Monroe community.

11          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12   Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sue Nicholson on the occasion of her  
13   retirement from the Monroe Chamber of Commerce; does hereby recognize Sue's extensive  
14   accomplishments during her career as a public servant; and does hereby extend sincere  
15   wishes that she enjoy comfort in her well-earned retirement.

16          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sue  
17   Nicholson.

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#### DIGEST

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