

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 29

BY REPRESENTATIVES WHEAT AND FREIBERG

COMMENDATIONS: Commends centenarian Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins for her athletic accomplishments

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend centenarian Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins for her athletic accomplishments.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins was born in 1916 and grew up in Ponchatoula, Louisiana;  
4 she celebrated her one hundred sixth birthday on February 10, 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins attended college at Louisiana State University and  
6 graduated in 1938; after graduating, she worked for many years as a teacher in Baton Rouge  
7 and spent time teaching in Honduras while working for United Fruit Company; and

8 WHEREAS, Julia met her future husband, the late Murray Hawkins, while attending  
9 LSU; the two were wed over the telephone while Murray, a member of the United States  
10 Navy, was stationed at Pearl Harbor during World War II; following his return from duty,  
11 the couple shared seventy loving years of marriage until his passing; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins has rightfully earned national acclaim for her incredible  
13 athletic accomplishments; she has been featured on numerous occasions in publications such  
14 as *The Advocate*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Runners World*, and *The Washington Post*; she also has  
15 a published memoir, *It's Been Wondrous!*; and

16 WHEREAS, Julia knows no task too tall to overcome; at seventy-five years old, she  
17 began bicycling in senior games and self-trained by regularly riding a ten-kilometer route  
18 around her neighborhood; her training paid off as it led to winning a bronze medal at her first  
19 National Senior Games in San Antonio, Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, Julia has gone on to achieve a number of truly astonishing feats since  
21 her first competition; she began competing in sprinting events at the age of one hundred, and

1 in 2017, she set a world record for the 100-meter dash for the 100-104 age group at the  
2 National Senior games with a time of just over thirty-nine seconds; last year, she became the  
3 first female track and field athlete, and first American, to set a world record in the 100-meter  
4 dash for the 105+ age group with a time of 1:02.95; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins is a truly awe-inspiring woman who embodies the spirit  
6 of determination; she is most deserving of the highest recognition for her countless  
7 achievements.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend centenarian Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins for  
10 her athletic accomplishments; does hereby further recognize Ms. Hawkins for serving as an  
11 inspiration to all who hope to achieve greatness; and does hereby extend sincerest wishes  
12 that she reach even greater heights as she continues her outstanding athletic career.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Julia  
14 Hawkins.

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