

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAMBURG

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Sonja Bailes on her selection as a 2024 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman by Holy Angels

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Sonja Bailes on her selection as a 2024 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential
3 Woman by Holy Angels.

4 WHEREAS, Sonja Bailes is one of six honorees who were selected as 2024 Virginia
5 K. Shehee Most Influential Woman; the award honors women who have made significant
6 contributions by providing their expertise, time, and resources to serve their community; the
7 women selected have shown a commitment to philanthropy by helping children, the elderly,
8 those in need, the arts, business development, education, or other acts of caring through
9 unpaid positions; and

10 WHEREAS, Sonja graduated from Louisiana Tech University in 1992 with a
11 journalism degree; she spent twenty years in broadcast news at KNOE-TV in Monroe and
12 KTBS-3 in Shreveport; Ms. Bailes left broadcast news twelve years ago to become the
13 public relations liaison at Bossier Schools; she is passionate about elevating the voice of
14 those serving as educators; Sonja finds purpose in mentoring young adults to be the best
15 versions of themselves; and

16 WHEREAS, aside from her professional accomplishments, Sonja is actively involved
17 in community service and dedicates much of her spare time to nonprofit organizations; she
18 volunteers with the Commission for Women of Bossier City, for which she cochairs the
19 mentorship program, serves on the board for Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier, and
20 works closely with Bossier Youth Leadership; and

1 WHEREAS, Sonja serves as vice president of The Salvation Army's advisory board
2 and the Bossier Parish Community College Foundation; she is an advisory board member
3 with SciPort Discovery Center and Keep Bossier Beautiful; and

4 WHEREAS, Sonja's professional engagement includes membership in the National
5 School Public Relations Association, the Shreveport Journalism Foundation, the Northwest
6 Louisiana chapter of the Public Relations Association of Louisiana, and the Bossier Optimist
7 Club; and

8 WHEREAS, Sonja Bailes is most deserving of the highest recognition for her
9 incredible accomplishments and for her unrelenting dedication to the service of her
10 community.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sonja Bailes on her selection as a 2024
13 Virginia K. Shehee Most Influential Woman by Holy Angels and does hereby further
14 recognize Sonja's commitment to providing her expertise, time, and resources to serve her
15 community and the state of Louisiana.

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