

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 27

BY SENATORS PRESSLY, BASS, JENKINS AND SEABAUGH

A RESOLUTION

To commend Erin McCarty for forty years of radio broadcasting excellence.

WHEREAS, Erin McCarty is a forty-year veteran of broadcast journalism and has brightened the airwaves of Shreveport-Bossier for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Erin earned an undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University in 1983 and "earned her chops" in broadcasting on KLSU-91.1, the student-run campus radio station; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Erin explored other radio venues in Tyler, Texas, Northfield, New Jersey, and Lubbock, Texas, before finding her niche in northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in the Ark-La-Tex region, Erin established a broad audience base on Shreveport radio stations KWKH, KRUF, KVKI, and presently on KEEL; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Erin was selected for the Gracie Award by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (AWMF); and

WHEREAS, the award is named for comedian Gracie Allen of the famous entertainment duo of Burns and Allen and celebrates outstanding programming and individual achievement by women in radio, television, and interactive media; and

WHEREAS, Erin's Gracie Award is for Top Female Talk Show Host in the category of Talk/Personality in Small/Medium Markets as a local co-host in a nonsyndicated program; and

WHEREAS, at the time, Erin was one-half of the Robert & Erin in the Morning Show on 710 KEEL News Radio, a news and talk radio format broadcast in the weekday morning time slot; she covered the latest topics that impact local, state, national, and international news along with her co-host of over twenty-five years, Robert J. Wright; and

WHEREAS, following Robert Wright's retirement, the Robert & Erin Morning Show evolved to the present Mike & McCarty Morning Show and is still as much a part of the daily routine for many citizens of northwest Louisiana as a cup of coffee; and

WHEREAS, Erin gives back to the community in a variety of ways including service

as a member of the board of directors of Loving Solutions, a faith-based recovery program for women who struggle with substance addiction; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of two grown sons, J. W. and John, who both served in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, by honoring this outstanding individual, Erin McCarty, women in media are encouraged to elevate their careers and contribute to their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Erin McCarty for forty years of radio broadcasting excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Erin McCarty.

---

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE