

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends and congratulates Iam Tucker for being named the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2024 Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend and congratulate Iam Tucker for being named the U.S. Small Business
3 Administration's 2024 Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year.

4 WHEREAS, Iam Tucker, a former Baton Rouge police officer and daughter of
5 legendary civil rights activist and businessman Robert H. Tucker, was named in March as
6 the U.S. Small Business Administration's 2024 Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Robert H. Tucker established civil engineering contractor ILSI
9 Engineering in the early 1990s after years of activism, municipal politics, and successful
10 business ventures, leaving a lasting legacy of entrepreneurship and community engagement;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Iam Tucker, as a second-generation owner of ILSI, has demonstrated
13 exceptional leadership and entrepreneurial skills, generating over 100 contract awards across
14 various state, local, and federal agencies and growing the company from nine employees to
15 50 employees, with a revenue exceeding \$7.5 million; and

16 WHEREAS, Iam Tucker's contributions extend beyond Louisiana, as evidenced by
17 her involvement in the \$1 billion River District project, the largest public-private project in
18 Louisiana history, and securing the first overseas contract for her firm in Peru, showcasing

1 her commitment to excellence and innovation in business; and

2 WHEREAS, Iam Tucker's dedication to her father's legacy and her achievements as
3 a successful businesswoman reflect her commitment to economic growth, job creation, and
4 community development in Louisiana and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, Iam Tucker's journey exemplifies the challenges and triumphs of
6 minority-owned businesses, highlighting the need for continued support and programs to
7 ensure equitable access to contracts and opportunities for disadvantaged business enterprises;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Iam Tucker's recognition as the U.S. Small Business Administration's
10 2024 Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year is a testament to her hard work,
11 perseverance, and dedication to excellence in business and community service.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
13 does hereby commend Iam Tucker for her outstanding achievements as the U.S. Small
14 Business Administration's 2024 Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year and extend
15 best wishes for continued success in business and service to the community.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

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