



1           WHEREAS, one of the most important responsibilities of the organization is to  
2 support families that have lost a loved one while serving in the military, and Blue Star  
3 Mothers of Louisiana accepts this solemn responsibility because their families are joined by  
4 a special bond of having a loved one who volunteered to protect the rights and freedoms that  
5 Americans hold dear; and

6           WHEREAS, when a Blue Star Mother loses a child who is serving in the military,  
7 the mother then becomes a Gold Star Mother, and the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana hosts  
8 an annual Gold Star Mothers Day Luncheon to honor the parents of fallen heroes; and

9           WHEREAS, in 2010, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana undertook a tremendous  
10 effort to honor Louisiana Gold Star Families, and the group raised over forty thousand  
11 dollars to present Louisiana Gold Star Families with an Honor and Remember Flag; the  
12 group also attends funeral services for active duty military and presents mothers with a Gold  
13 Star Flag, a memory book, and a promise to not forget her sacrifice, and since the chapter  
14 was established, Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 has presented over one hundred  
15 thirty Gold Star Flags; and

16           WHEREAS, Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana also hosts the Wreaths Across America  
17 Ceremony in Baton Rouge in mid-December at the National Cemetery, continuing the event  
18 that was started in Arlington National Cemetery in 1992 and now takes place at over six  
19 hundred national cemeteries nationwide; the Wreaths Across America project has become  
20 a major event of the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, and this year nearly four hundred  
21 wreaths have been placed on the graves of veterans and fallen heroes to carry out the mission  
22 of the Wreaths Across America event which is to honor, remember, and teach; the Blue Star  
23 Mothers of Louisiana honors those who are currently serving in the military, remembers the  
24 fallen, and teaches children the value of freedom; and

25           WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the  
26 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence  
27 across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

28           WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics  
29 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are  
30 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

1           WHEREAS, for 2013, there are six fields or categories for the Women of Excellence  
2 Awards: Business, College Woman of Excellence, Education and Research, High School  
3 Woman of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Military; and

4           WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2013 Women of Excellence Awards are being  
5 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of  
6 Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at the historic Hilton Capitol House  
7 Hotel in Baton Rouge; and

8           WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 has been named a  
9 recipient of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award in the field of Military to recognize  
10 excellence and significant contributions related to the armed forces; and

11           WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 merits a sincere and  
12 heartfelt measure of commendation for dedication to service and outstanding  
13 accomplishments, and it is entirely appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend  
14 the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 upon receipt of a 2013 Women of Excellence  
15 Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation which recognizes the  
16 group's vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 commend the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 upon receipt of a 2013 Women of  
19 Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for  
20 achievements in the field of Military; does hereby recognize and record for posterity the  
21 singular contributions of the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 to the citizens of  
22 Louisiana, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride  
23 that the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 brings to the state of Louisiana.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
25 to the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1.

DIGEST

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