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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BARROW, CHAMPAGNE, HILL, HODGES, KATRINA JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THIERRY, AND WHITNEY AND SENATORS BROOME, BUFFINGTON, DORSEY-COLOMB, AND PETERSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 upon receipt of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award from the La. Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To commend the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 upon receipt of a 2013 Women
3	of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation
4	for achievements in the field of Military.
5	WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 was chartered in March
6	of 2005, and the organization has grown from fifteen original members to over one hundred
7	active members, and Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 has helped to start several
8	other chapters throughout the state; and
9	WHEREAS, Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana is a service and support organization
10	whose mission is to answer the call of military families in need and bring to the forefront the
11	sacrifices of military personnel and their families, and the group hosts events that promote
12	patriotism and honor our military and veterans; and
13	WHEREAS, the Blue Star Mothers of Louisiana, Chapter 1 established a care
14	package project to demonstrate to men and women serving overseas that they are appreciated
15	and recognized for their sacrifice, and the care package project has grown from sending
16	boxes twice a year to sending an overwhelming three hundred plus boxes a year, with each
17	box including a few comfort items, some basic necessities, and as much love as can be
18	packed into a box; and

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
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24252627	Mothers of Louisiana honors those who are currently serving in the military, remembers the fallen, and teaches children the value of freedom; and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; 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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