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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 105

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, GUILLORY, AND PETERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Sevetri Wilson, a Baton Rouge business woman and resident of New Orleans, upon her receipt of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of Business.

WHEREAS, Sevetri Wilson was born and raised in Hammond, attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and now lives in New Orleans; she graduated from LSU in 2008 with a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications and history, and in 2010 Sevetri went on to receive a master's in history, with a concentration in U.S. history, and she holds a certification in nonprofit management from Louisiana State University at Shreveport and is certified by Louisiana Economic Development (LED) and the National Grant Writer's Association as a certified grant writer; and

WHEREAS, it was Ms. Wilson's passion for working with the community and charitable organizations that led her, in 2009, to become the founder and chief executive officer of Solid Ground Innovations, LLC, based in Baton Rouge, which was originally established as a consulting and management firm focused on sports philanthropy, community organizing, and nonprofit management, but which has since expanded into a full service firm that provides "a la carte" part-time, and full-time professional management and consulting services in the areas of public relations, marketing, branding, nonprofit management, and consulting; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilson has received a number of awards and recognitions for her business and community achievements; in 2010, she received a proclamation from New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu recognizing her efforts; she was recognized by the United States Senate for her work on behalf of first-generation college students; a program she

created for one of her clients received the Jefferson Award, a "Nobel Prize for Public and Community Service", and her work was featured in the National Report on Volunteerism and Public Service to the United States Senate and White House; in addition, her work has been recognized in well-known media such as *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, and ESPN, and her personal accomplishments have been featured in *225* magazine and *Baton Rouge Business Report*; and

WHEREAS, other achievements of which Ms. Wilson can be particularly proud include her selection in 2004 as one of the One Thousand Scholars of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and later serving as an ambassador to the foundation; her UNCF and Ronald E. McNair Scholarships; and serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) member; 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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Sevetri Wilson has been named a recipient of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award in the field of Business for her accomplishments which demonstrate that she has truly excelled in business, both as a manager and an entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Sevetri Wilson merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is entirely appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Sevetri Wilson upon her receipt of

a 2013 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sevetri Wilson, a Baton Rouge businesswoman, upon her receipt of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of Business; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active and dedicated businesswoman and as a community activist, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Ms. Sevetri Wilson.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE