

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 150

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To commend Anita Gray upon her selection as Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana 2013.

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2012, thirteen years after a spinal cord injury left her wheelchair-bound, Anita Gray was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana 2013 and it is appropriate to commend her for her service to the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gray is a native of West Baton Rouge Parish and is currently pursuing an online degree while working from home as a technical advisor; and

WHEREAS, instead of becoming despondent and ineffective as a result of her loss of function, through prayer and support from her family, church, and community, Ms. Gray has used her injury as an inspiration to mentor and assist others who have spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gray passionately advocates for other disabled adults in Louisiana to live independently, and she participated in a short film used by the Statewide Independent Living Council; and

WHEREAS, as Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana, Ms. Gray travels throughout the state promoting independent living for the disabled and handicapped and advocates for compliance, in all public places, with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, this summer, Ms. Gray will travel to Houston, Texas, to represent Louisiana in the national competition for the title of Ms. Wheelchair America; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Anita Gray for her extraordinary success, dauntless spirit, admirable courage, and noteworthy determination as a highly successful advocate, champion, and role model for others with spinal cord injuries; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon people like Anita Gray, a true Louisiana hero and an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gray has distinguished herself as an exemplary and highly admired citizen of Louisiana, and she merits a special measure of commendation for the tremendous pride, honor, and joy that she brings to all who know and love her.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Anita Gray upon being named Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana 2013, for she exemplifies all that is good about Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and record the extraordinary accomplishments and achievements of Anita Gray, does hereby extend enduring gratitude for the contributions she has made to her community, her family, and society, and does hereby wish her success, good health, and happiness in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Anita Gray.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES