

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Rory and Maeve McCracken on receiving Oceana's Heroes of the Ocean Award

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Rory and Maeve McCracken upon their receipt of Oceana's 2013 Ocean Hero  
3 Award.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Rory and Maeve McCracken for their  
5 heroic and courageous efforts after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, which sent  
6 millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, the Ocean Hero Award recognizes and celebrates exceptional  
8 accomplishments in ocean conservation, advocacy, and education; and

9 WHEREAS, in the wake of the devastating Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Rory and  
10 Maeve McCracken were so upset after they realized the hazardous and dangerous affects the  
11 oil was having on the ecosystem of the Gulf Coast and that animals were dying, that they  
12 started a website to raise money to help the recovery effort; and

13 WHEREAS, Rory and Maeve envisioned the website as a place to raise money to  
14 donate to the cause and to let other young people know how they could help in the recovery  
15 efforts as well; and

16 WHEREAS, through their relentless and consistent efforts, Rory and Maeve raised  
17 eight thousand dollars to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife via the Louisiana Marine Mammal  
18 and Sea Turtle Rescue Program; and

19 WHEREAS, the siblings have also published an illustrated ABC's book, *G is for*  
20 *Gulf*, which features their own stories and illustrations, and have donated copies of the book  
21 to elementary school libraries and classrooms in Louisiana, Florida, and Honduras; and

1           WHEREAS, Rory and Maeve presented some of their work at Louisiana State  
2 University's "Ocean Commotion", which brings close to three thousand area students and  
3 teachers to learn about the Gulf Coast; and

4           WHEREAS, Rory and Maeve have also been making presentations to elementary  
5 school students on sharks and aspire to help grow an artificial reef off of the Gulf Coast of  
6 Louisiana; and

7           WHEREAS, Rory and Maeve McCracken are among Louisiana's finest citizens, and  
8 they merit the highest measure of commendation for their leadership and bravery in their  
9 efforts protecting the ecosystem of the Gulf Coast that will rehabilitate, restore, beautify, and  
10 enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Louisiana.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and express appreciation to Rory and Maeve  
13 McCracken upon their selection as the recipients of Oceana's 2013 Ocean Hero Award, do  
14 hereby record for posterity their amazing efforts in helping to protect the precious wildlife  
15 of the Gulf Coast, and do hereby recognize the tremendous pride and honor that they bring  
16 to their family, their community, and the entire state of Louisiana.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
18 to Rory and Maeve McCracken.

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DIGEST

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