

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 183

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

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Evelyn Elain Ellerbe of Jackson, Louisiana, upon her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Evelyn Elain Ellerbe of Jackson, Louisiana, upon her receipt of a 2014

3 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus

4 Foundation for her achievements in the field of Louisiana Hero of Excellence.

5 WHEREAS, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe has over thirty years of business administration

6 experience with an emphasis for the past twenty-five years in the field of human social

7 services for incarcerated populations and under-resourced families impacted by the criminal

8 justice system; and

9 WHEREAS, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe is chief executive officer of Refined by Fire

10 Ministries (RBF), Inc., a nonprofit organization that she and her family founded in 1995; and

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12 WHEREAS, in 2009, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe received her National Consultant/Trainer

13 designation from Dr. Stephen Bavolek, creator of the evidence-based Nurturing Parenting

14 Program, and was also awarded the Innovator Instructor for Financial Management by VISA

15 International; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2010, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe was certified in the National Fatherhood

17 Initiative's 24/7 Dad and Inside/Out Dad curriculum; and

1 WHEREAS, additionally in 2010, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe received her lifetime
2 certification as a trainer and facilitator of Bridges Out of Poverty and the unique Solutions
3 to Poverty curriculum, Getting Ahead in A Just Getting By World; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2012, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe led Refined By Fire Ministries through
5 the process of being recognized as an Area Consultant agency for Bridges Out of Poverty,
6 a designation that includes the nine-parish area surrounding Metro Baton Rouge; and

7 WHEREAS, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe has also fostered several cutting edge programs
8 including: a Fatherhood Initiative in correctional facilities across Louisiana; an incarcerated
9 parent video project, Read to Me Daddy/Mommy; and a seven-year partnership with the
10 national retailer, Men's Wearhouse, for a statewide suit donation program for offenders
11 returning home; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2013, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe suffered the death of her husband,
13 Michael, who was director of Reentry at Dixon Correctional Institute, following his
14 courageous battle with cancer, and to whom she was married for over thirty-five years; and

15 WHEREAS, in July of 2013, both Michael and Elain were inducted into the
16 Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame with a Lifetime Achievement Recognition for their
17 outstanding work in the field of reentry in this state; and

18 WHEREAS, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe remains committed to continuing the work with
19 incarcerated and under-resourced populations that she and Michael were called to do so
20 many years ago; and

21 WHEREAS, just recently, in March of 2014, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe was selected by
22 the Louisiana State University Women's Center as one of its 2014 Esprit de Femme
23 recipients which honors outstanding women leaders across our state; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, for 2014, 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 2014 Women of Excellence Awards are being
5 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of
6 Excellence Awards and Scholarships Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, May 27, 2014,
7 at the historic Hilton Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rouge; and

8 WHEREAS, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe of Jackson, Louisiana, has been named a recipient
9 of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award in the field of Louisiana Hero of Excellence, a field
10 which recognizes an ordinary everyday person who is making extraordinarily positive
11 differences in changing the lives of people in Louisiana and beyond; and

12 WHEREAS, Evelyn Elain Ellerbe merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of
13 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and
14 it is entirely appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Evelyn Elain Ellerbe
15 upon her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative
16 Women's Caucus Foundation which recognizes her vital contributions to the citizens of
17 Louisiana.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 commend Evelyn Elain Ellerbe of Jackson, Louisiana, upon her receipt of a 2014 Women
20 of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her
21 achievements in the field of Louisiana Hero of Excellence; does hereby recognize and record
22 for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend
23 enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to the state of
24 Louisiana.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to Evelyn Elain Ellerbe.

DIGEST

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