

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 234

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Calvin Mills Jr. on being recognized as the National Small Business Association (NSBA), 2019 Lew Shattuck Small Business Advocate of the Year recipient.

WHEREAS, the NSBA is the nation's oldest and longest-running small-business advocacy organization, advocating for the interests of their customers, companies, and communities to help ensure the continued viability of the small business way of life before the U.S. Congress, White House, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the NSBA's membership comprises more than sixty-five thousand small businesses in all fifty states representing every industry; and

WHEREAS, the NSBA's Lew Shattuck Small Business Advocate of the Year award recognizes small business owners who go above and beyond in advocating for the small business community and who meet a demanding qualification and criteria list; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Mills Jr. is the first recipient of this award from the great state of Louisiana and a native of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mills is an award-winning Serial Tech Entrepreneur and graduate of the Southern University A&M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who built his platform in the information technology arena from humble beginnings; and

WHEREAS, he is succeeding as the founder, CEO and president of CMC Technology Solutions, and SLT Technology, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mills focused his pursuit on making a people-focused mark in his industry, and today is a dynamic speaker, mentor, and author who continues to make a great difference in the lives of the next generation of entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mills' accomplishments have been acknowledge by his peers through such awards as the 2019 NSBA Board of Trustee appointment, 2018 Black Enterprise Magazine BE 100 Modern Man, 2017 Southern University Excellence in Leadership award, 2006 U.S. Department of Homeland Security Small Business Achievement award, and the 2006 Louisiana Business and Technology Center SBDC Client of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 he was one of 50 business leaders invited to the White House Business Summit; in 2008, he received two awards from the U.S. Small Business Administration: (1) the Louisiana District Capital Region Small Business Champion of the Year, and (2) the Louisiana Minority Small Business Statewide Champion of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Mills Jr. is an accomplished businessman who represents the State of Louisiana well in all his endeavors as he travels the nation sharing his information technology expertise and serving as an excellent role model for the next generation of entrepreneurs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Calvin Mills Jr., the National Small Business Association, 2019 Lew Shattuck Small Business Advocate of the Year recipient.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express its congratulation for a job well done and convey its best wishes for all his future aspirations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Calvin Mills Jr.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE