

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 301

BY REPRESENTATIVES GAINES, BAGNERIS, BOUIE, BRASS, CARPENTER, GARY CARTER, COX, DUPLESSIS, FRANKLIN, GLOVER, JIMMY HARRIS, JACKSON, JAMES, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, JORDAN, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MARCELLE, DUSTIN MILLER, MOORE, NORTON, PIERRE, AND SMITH

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the National Small Business Association (NSBA) is the nation's oldest and longest-running small business advocacy organization, advocating for the interests of customers, companies, and communities to help ensure the continued viability of the small business way of life before the United States 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 set of demanding qualifications and criteria; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Mills is an award-winning serial tech entrepreneur and graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge who built his platform in the information technology arena from humble beginnings; and

WHEREAS, he is succeeding as the founder, chief executive officer, and president of CMC Technology Solutions and SLT Technology, Incorporated; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Mills's accomplishments have been acknowledged by his peers through numerous awards, including the 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 Small Business Development Center Client of the Year award; additionally in 2019 he was named to the National Small Business Association board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 he was one of fifty business leaders invited to the White House Business Summit; in 2008 he received two awards from the U.S. Small Business Administration: the Louisiana District Capital Region Small Business Champion of the Year and 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 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 House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Calvin Mills, Jr., on being recognized as the 2019 Lew Shattuck Small Business Advocate of the Year by the National Small Business Association; does hereby express its congratulations for a job well done; and does hereby 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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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES