

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER AND MORENO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Kim Sport of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana for her many accomplishments, countless contributions, and tireless service to her community and the state of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Kim Sport, a native of New Orleans, graduated from the schools of Radiologic and Nuclear Medicine Technology at Charity Hospital of Louisiana in New Orleans, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and Tulane University Law School where she was inducted into the Order of the Coif; and

WHEREAS, after working for many years as the executive counsel to the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Kim Sport retired in 2000 and began work volunteering her time and legal services to numerous not-for-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, through this work, in recent years, Kim Sport has made hundreds of presentations on behalf of not-for-profit organizations in the Greater New Orleans community and has been the keynote speaker at numerous conferences, convocations, and graduation ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport founded and chaired Jefferson Dollars for Scholars which has awarded over \$20 million in summer camp and college scholarships to five thousand students in the Jefferson Parish Public School System; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Kim Sport founded and chaired the state's first United Way Women's Leadership Council and served on the National Women's Leadership Council of United Way of America; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Kim Sport served as the first-ever female chair of the United Way's Regional Fundraising Campaign, and is one of only four women to have chaired the Board of Trustees for the United Way of Southeast Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport served as the Katrina Recovery Chairman for the United Way; in 2006, she chaired the "Seeing Is Believing" Conference in New Orleans; and in 2007, she delivered the keynote address – "Katrina: After the Cameras Leave" – at the National Summit on Women and Philanthropy in San Antonio, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a three-time cancer survivor and career advocate, Kim Sport served as the Local Survivor Chairman of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure in 2003, and chaired the 2010 American Cancer Society Hope Gala, the 2011 Key to the Cure Gala at Sak's Fifth Avenue, and the 2011 House of Pink event in cooperation with the Louisiana Breast Cancer Task Force; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Kim Sport launched "Breastoration", a philanthropic partnership to assist and educate women contemplating surgical options following a diagnosis of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport collaborated with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to draft the 2012 breast cancer treatment alternatives brochure which is mandated by state law to be given by physicians to every woman diagnosed with breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Kim Sport was named to Ochsner's Women's Health Advisory Board and co-chaired the patron party for Ochsner's Moonlight and Miracles Gala benefitting cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Kim Sport became the first Public Policy Chairman of United Way for Southeast Louisiana and during the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature, she led efforts to have domestic violence legislation introduced to help victims of domestic abuse immediately divorce their abusers, provide punitive damages for physical and mental injuries caused by family violence, increase criminal sanctions for domestic abuse and violations of protective orders, and prohibit abusers from possessing a firearm for the duration of a protective order issued against the abuser and for ten years after a conviction for domestic abuse battery. All five bills passed unanimously and were signed into law by Governor Jindal on May 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport was elected to serve as the first chair of the Louisiana Commission to Prevent Domestic Violence and has shepherded amendments to over fifty provisions of domestic violence law; and

WHEREAS, for her tireless work advocating for victims of domestic abuse, Kim Sport received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, was recognized as a Champion of the New Orleans Family Justice Center, and was featured in "Five Awake", an award-winning documentary film that chronicles her work on the historic 2014 legislative package to protect victims of domestic abuse; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport has been recognized for her many years of work as a volunteer and advocate by being named the recipient of the National Society of Fundraising Professionals' Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year Award and the United Way of Southeast Louisiana's Tocqueville Award, the United Way's highest award for exemplary leadership in community, volunteerism, and philanthropy; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport serves pro bono as an attorney and advisor in difficult divorce cases involving family violence and conducts continuing education seminars to family law and domestic violence professionals; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport received the Louisiana State Bar Association Citizen Lawyer Award in 2015, the Libby Milton Champion for Children Award in 2016, and was the first Live United Award Individual honoree; and

WHEREAS, Kim Sport was named Louisiana Heroine by the Louisiana Association of Nonprofit Organizations; Top Female Achiever by New Orleans Magazine; the 2000, 2004, and 2009 Woman of the Year by City Business Magazine; and City Business Magazine Hall of Fame inductee; and

WHEREAS, she received the first statewide Woman of Excellence Award in the category of Volunteerism and Civic Involvement from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus, and most recently, she received a Community Quarterback Award from the New Orleans Saints organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Kim Sport of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana for her many accomplishments, countless contributions, and tireless service to her community and the state of Louisiana, and does hereby extend to her every good wish for success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Kim Sport.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE