

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins for her many athletic accomplishments

## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins on her world record-breaking time in the 100-meter  
3 dash for women one hundred and older and to recognize her many accomplishments.

4           WHEREAS, on the salutary and memorable occasion of the gold medal world-record  
5   breaking victory at the National Senior Games in Birmingham, Alabama, it is appropriate  
6   that Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins be commended and celebrated; and

7           WHEREAS, at the age of one hundred and one, Hurricane Hawkins beat the world  
8    record for her age group, women one hundred and older, in the 100-meter dash with a time  
9    of 39.62 seconds; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins celebrated her one hundred second birthday on  
11 February 10, 2018; she was born in 1916 and grew up in Ponchatoula; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins attended college at Louisiana State University, became  
13 a school teacher, and worked as a teacher in Honduras for the United Fruit Company; and

14           WHEREAS, she married Murray Hawkins, her college sweetheart, over the phone  
15   while he was in Pearl Harbor working for the Navy during World War II; they shared  
16   seventy years of wedded bliss in the house that Mr. Hawkins built in 1949 in Baton Rouge;  
17   and

18 WHEREAS, Julia Hawkins's spectacular accomplishments are renowned and have  
19 been touted in *The Advocate*; she has been featured four times in *Sports Illustrated* and  
20 *Runners World* magazines; her story has been covered on national TV and the *Washington*  
21 *Post*; she has also published a book of her memoirs titled *It's Been Wondrous!*; and

1           WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins started bicycling at seventy-five in the senior games and  
2 self-trained by riding a ten-kilometer course around her neighborhood; she won her most  
3 prized medal, a bronze, in her first National Senior Games in San Antonio; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins's long and wonderful life has brought great pride and joy  
5 to her family and friends.

6           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 recognize and honor Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins for her heroic athleticism and the  
8 tremendous pride she brings to the city Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana and does  
9 hereby recognize and record for posterity her myriad accomplishments which are an  
10 inspiration to us all.

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of the Resolution be transmitted  
12 to Julia Hawkins.

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DIGEST

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Commends Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins on setting the world record for the 100-meter dash for women 100 and older.