

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 82

BY SENATORS PRICE AND LAMBERT AND REPRESENTATIVES BACALA,  
BERTHELOT, BRASS AND SCHEXNAYDER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Expert Maintenance & Construction Services, LLC, and its president, James J. Moore, on being named the 2019 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration Louisiana District.

WHEREAS, starting with only two employees, James J. Moore grew Expert Maintenance & Construction Services, LLC (EMCS) to eighty-five employees, as EMCS' client list and services offered grew because of the company's reputation for completing projects on time and on budget; and

WHEREAS, in addition to having an 8(a) certification, EMCS also has DBE certifications from Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi and has completed projects on a multistate level with projects in Louisiana, South Carolina, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas with offices in all five states; and

WHEREAS, EMCS has worked on a variety of projects ranging from commercial office buildings, retail and entertainment facilities, levees, parking lots, highways, drainage systems, and rest areas for governmental entities - federal, state, and local - in addition to private entities, including projects with FEMA, USDA, USACE, South Carolina Weapons Base, and Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, EMCS' revenue totaled \$120,000; in 2012, \$1.6 million; in 2013, \$1.9 million; in 2014, over \$3 million; in 2015, over \$11 million; in 2016, \$12.5 million; and in 2017, \$17 million, and the increase in revenue and the subsequent profit has afforded EMCS the opportunity and capability to obtain work and fund work independently and without reliance on other financial resources; and

WHEREAS, EMCS president James J. Moore was one of five children to a single mother, is the only child to attend college, and has had many personal challenges, including the loss of a child; and

WHEREAS, a husband, father, businessman, community leader, and mentor to about

seven companies, he gives unselfishly of his time, know-how, and resources, and, in spite of having a demanding schedule, manages to work with each protégé company individually; and

WHEREAS, a man of enormous integrity, Mr. Moore knows success is not given, but earned, believes in paying it forward, and has established a scholarship program for all four Ascension Parish high schools totaling \$500 at each school; and

WHEREAS, he is a role model and mentor to his protégés and several young men in the community, who constantly emphasizes that being a business owner is not for the wary and the road is not always easy, however, with determination, dedication, and a willingness to learn, that is the beginning to understanding how to run a business; and

WHEREAS, James J. Moore is more than his business - he created the Ascension Minority Business Association to allow minorities the chance to learn more about business opportunities through networking and gaining information, and he is associated with the Ascension Fair Association, an organization that promotes community giving back to community and assisting with mentoring children in school, helping the elderly and handicapped with projects, and the Ascension Community Advisory Panel, an organization that promotes communication between industry and community members; and

WHEREAS, EMCS' mentorship of the protégé's addresses issues of corporate growth, project finance, technical assistance management techniques (such as budget and scheduling of construction projects), as well as change order negotiation; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Small Business Administration Louisiana District selected EMCS as the 2019 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year in recognition of hard work, innovative ideas, and dedication to community which have developed an outstanding business that has strengthened the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon businesses such as EMCS which provide jobs, products, and services that improve the quality of life of Louisiana citizens and people like James J. Moore, who has devoted his life to community development through promoting entrepreneurship and empowering businesses and individuals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate Expert Maintenance & Construction Services, LLC, and its president, James J. Moore, on being named the 2019 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration Louisiana District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to James J. Moore.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES