

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 229

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A RESOLUTION

To commend WBRZ-TV reporter Bess Casserleigh on winning the 2024 Region 9 Edward R. Murrow Investigative Reporting Award.

WHEREAS, Bess Casserleigh has served as an investigator and reporter for WBRZ News 2 since joining the team in 2017; she is a graduate of Louisiana State University, where she earned a broadcast journalism degree and minored in film; and

WHEREAS, Bess began her reporting career at WLOX in Biloxi, Mississippi, and she is a world traveler who has previously lived in the United Kingdom, Singapore, Dubai, Houston, and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Casserleigh is happy to be at WBRZ, where she is close to her family in Bush, Louisiana; away from work, she loves watching the Food Network and crime shows, and she is an animal lover who has a cat and a dog at home; and

WHEREAS, Bess Casserleigh won the 2024 Edward R. Murrow Region 9 Investigative Reporting Award for her extensive investigation and reporting concerning Elayn Hunt Correctional Center; she spoke to employees, prisoners, and family members affected, showing leaked documents and videos that highlighted the drug problem at the facility; she is most deserving of the highest recognition for her incredible work.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend WBRZ-TV reporter Bess Casserleigh on winning the 2024 Region 9 Edward R. Murrow Investigative Reporting Award and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for her impactful contributions to the state of Louisiana through her work as an investigative journalist.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES