

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends WBRZ-TV anchor Sylvia Weatherspoon on winning the 2024 Region 9 Edward R. Murrow Feature Reporting Award

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend WBRZ-TV anchor Sylvia Weatherspoon on winning the 2024 Region 9
3 Edward R. Murrow Feature Reporting Award.

4 WHEREAS, Sylvia Weatherspoon is the co-anchor of WBRZ News 2 at 5, 6, and
5 10 p.m.; she began her career at WBRZ in December 1993 as the weekend anchor and night
6 side reporter, and prior to joining the team, she worked as the news director for WJBO-AM
7 and WFMF-FM radio in Baton Rouge; and

8 WHEREAS, Sylvia was raised in Baton Rouge, graduated from McKinley High
9 School, and received a degree in broadcast journalism from Louisiana State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Sylvia has won many local and state awards for her work as a journalist;
11 she received the Louisiana State Medical Society's 2007 Award for Excellence in Medical
12 Journalism for her series of health segments titled "Reduce Your Risk", and the Louisiana
13 Associated Press selected her story "In Just Minutes" for the Best News Spot Award; she has
14 also received the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters Lifetime Achievement Award; and
15 WHEREAS, in 2015 Ms. Weatherspoon founded Sylvia's Toys For Christmas, which
16 works in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Charity to provide toys to children from ages
17 two through thirteen in underserved communities in East Baton Rouge Parish, and she was
18 recognized among The Baton Rouge Business Report's Influential Women in Business in
19 2016; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Weatherspoon is a passionate community advocate who serves on
21 numerous boards and volunteers with local causes, including Go Red For Women BR and

1 Big Buddy of Baton Rouge; she resides in Baton Rouge with her husband and two children,
2 and she loves gardening, decorating her home for the holidays, and traveling with her family;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Sylvia Weatherspoon was presented with the 2024 Region 9 Edward
5 R. Murrow Feature Reporting Award for her story, "Unlikely friendship sparks when boy
6 mistakes multimillionaire for homeless man", which was shared across the country; she is
7 most deserving of the highest recognition for her incredible journalistic work and numerous
8 achievements.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend WBRZ-TV anchor Sylvia Weatherspoon on
11 winning the 2024 Region 9 Edward R. Murrow Feature Reporting Award and does hereby
12 extend enduring appreciation for her contributions as a journalist in Louisiana.

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