

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Sylvia has won many local and state awards for her work as a journalist; she received the Louisiana State Medical Society's 2007 Award for Excellence in Medical Journalism for her series of health segments titled "Reduce Your Risk", and the Louisiana Associated Press selected her story "In Just Minutes" for the Best News Spot Award; she has also received the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 Ms. Weatherspoon founded Sylvia's Toys For Christmas, which works in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Charity to provide toys to children from ages two through thirteen in underserved communities in East Baton Rouge Parish, and she was recognized among The Baton Rouge Business Report's Influential Women in Business in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Weatherspoon is a passionate community advocate who serves on numerous boards and volunteers with local causes, including Go Red For Women BR and Big Buddy of Baton Rouge; she resides in Baton Rouge with her husband and two children, and she loves gardening, decorating her home for the holidays, and traveling with her family; and

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES