

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 396

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

A RESOLUTION

To commend Bella Cervantes, founder of Brave Bella Bead Co., for her courage, entrepreneurial spirit, advocacy for childhood cancer awareness, and positive impact on the state of Louisiana and beyond.

WHEREAS, Bella Cervantes of Hammond, Louisiana, is a remarkable young entrepreneur, childhood cancer survivor, and inspirational role model whose story has touched countless lives across the state and nation; and

WHEREAS, at the age of two, Bella was diagnosed with retinoblastoma, a rare form of childhood eye cancer affecting only a small number of children each year, and she courageously underwent life-saving treatment that resulted in the loss of her right eye; and

WHEREAS, through unwavering faith, determination, and perseverance, Bella overcame tremendous obstacles; she is widely recognized as "Brave Bella" and inspires others through her resilience and positive spirit; and

WHEREAS, Bella founded Brave Bella Bead Co. with the initial goal of saving money for braces, but her business quickly grew into a mission-driven company dedicated to spreading hope, encouragement, and awareness for childhood cancer; and

WHEREAS, Brave Bella Bead Co. creates handcrafted jewelry that is shipped across the country and internationally and carries the company message: "Your Style. Your Impact."; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the proceeds from Brave Bella Bead Co. sales supports childhood cancer awareness and research, including causes connected to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where Bella continues to receive care; and

WHEREAS, Bella's inspiring testimony, entrepreneurial success, and commitment to helping others have made her a beacon of hope for children and families facing adversity; and

WHEREAS, Bella continues to use her platform to encourage others to never give up on their dreams and to remain faithful and determined through life's challenges; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize Bella Cervantes for her exceptional courage, leadership, compassion, and service to her community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bella Cervantes, founder of Brave Bella Bead Co., for her inspirational example of resilience and entrepreneurship and does hereby extend best wishes for continued success, health, and happiness in all her future endeavors.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES