

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the La. School for the Deaf upon the grand opening of the Dr. Monita G. Hara ProStart Kitchen and posthumously recognizes Dr. Hara, former school director

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the Louisiana School for the Deaf upon the grand opening of the Dr. Monita
3 D. Hara ProStart Kitchen and to recognize posthumously Dr. Hara, former school
4 director, for her commitment and contributions to the development of the school's
5 culinary arts program.

6 WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana School for the Deaf is to enhance the
7 academic, vocational, physical, emotional, social, and cultural development of each student,
8 to provide a visually accessible, positive, and nurturing environment that emphasizes literacy
9 and effective communication skills, and to be a caring community where students can
10 achieve personal excellence and become independent lifelong learners; and

11 WHEREAS, on January 13, 2013, the Louisiana School for the Deaf hosted a
12 celebration marking the grand opening of the Dr. Monita G. Hara ProStart Kitchen, which
13 plays a key role in the school's ongoing fulfillment of its worthy mission; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Monita G. Hara served with great distinction and effectiveness as
15 the director of the school prior to her death in February of 2012, and her vision of
16 establishing a culinary arts program with a ProStart kitchen has become a reality; and

17 WHEREAS, ProStart is a nationwide program for high school students that teaches
18 all facets of the restaurant and food service industry and inspires students to strive for
19 excellence and succeed, and through a partnership with the Louisiana Restaurant

1 Association, the Louisiana School for the Deaf has become the eighth high school in the
2 state to offer this program; and

3 WHEREAS, the kitchen features state-of-the-industry, commercial-grade appliances
4 as well as demonstration and serving areas, and this environment offers students a valuable
5 chance to learn, grow, and train for future career opportunities in the culinary arts; and

6 WHEREAS, because of Dr. Hara's hard work and dedication to this project, the
7 ProStart kitchen is named in her memory, and Dr. Nancy Benham, current school director,
8 is honoring Dr. Hara's legacy by ensuring the continuation of the school's ProStart program;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to record for posterity the historic and memorable
11 occasion of the grand opening of the Dr. Monita G. Hara ProStart Kitchen at the Louisiana
12 School for the Deaf.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana School for the Deaf upon the
15 grand opening of the Dr. Monita G. Hara ProStart Kitchen, does hereby posthumously
16 recognize Dr. Hara, former school director, for her unwavering commitment and singular
17 contributions to the development of the school's culinary arts program, and does hereby
18 extend to the administration, faculty, and staff of this outstanding school best wishes for
19 continuing success in their future endeavors.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to the director of the Louisiana School for the Deaf.

DIGEST

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