

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, ProStart is a nationwide program for high school students that teaches all facets of the restaurant and food service industry and inspires students to strive for excellence and success, and through a partnership with the Louisiana Restaurant Association, the Louisiana School for the Deaf has become the eighth high school in the state to offer this program; and

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES