

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 182

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Clarissa A. Preston upon her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the La. Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation

2 To commend Clarissa A. Preston, a Baton Rouge businesswoman upon her receipt of a 2014  
3 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus  
4 Foundation for her achievements in the field of Business.

5 WHEREAS, Clarissa A. Preston is a New Orleans native and a 1994 graduate of  
6 Louisiana State University where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, and in  
7 2012 she earned a master of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix,  
8 Baton Rouge Campus; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Preston joined the Adams and Reese law firm in 2013 in the firm's  
10 Baton Rouge office as a lobbyist and member of the Governmental Relations team, working  
11 with state legislators, the executive branch, and state agencies, as well as other public policy  
12 makers to protect and promote clients' interests; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Preston served as the head of the office of consumer advocacy for  
14 the Louisiana Department of Insurance, where she was the first deputy commissioner  
15 appointed to the position after its creation by the Louisiana Legislature in 2007; and

WHEREAS, in her seventeen years of experience in the field of insurance, Ms. Preston worked as a regulator, an insurance company producer, and a consumer advocate; she has both regulatory and industry-recognized insurance designations and is a licensed multiline insurance producer, all of which more than qualify her as a regular

1 presenter to agents and companies on insurance issues and related topics and to  
2 organizations as part of community outreach, and as a teacher of continuing education  
3 courses; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Preston is an American Bar Association-approved certified  
5 paralegal and commissioned civil law notary public and holds both property and casualty  
6 and life and health insurance licenses; she also earned an Associate Professional in Insurance  
7 Regulation (APIR) designation through the National Association of Insurance  
8 Commissioners and holds a Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) Designation from the  
9 National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research; and

10 WHEREAS, among her other accomplishments, Ms. Preston serves as the Executive  
11 Director of the Louisiana Surplus Line Association and in 2013 was elected to the Board of  
12 the National African American Insurance Association; and

13 WHEREAS, another achievement for which Ms. Preston can be proud is that while  
14 working full time, she harnessed her personal passions and ventured into her own business,  
15 Montage Enterprises, LLC, a company that provides professional services in consulting,  
16 planning, marketing, training, and staging; her company's mission is encouraging and  
17 nurturing entrepreneurs, bringing undeveloped visions to reality, and cultivating continuing  
18 training; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Preston's involvement in the community includes holding  
20 membership in several community service and professional organizations; she is a past  
21 Lieutenant Governor of Division 8B of the Kiwanis International Louisiana-Mississippi-  
22 West Tennessee District and serves as the Division 8B Coordinator for the Kiwanis  
23 Worldwide ELIMINATE project; she is a member of the Kiwanis Club of South Baton  
24 Rouge and the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board hearing committee; and is a Reading  
25 Friend for Volunteers in Public Schools; and

26 WHEREAS, among the people Ms. Preston most admires are her mother and late  
27 maternal grandmother who both were teachers, her sister who is a teacher, and her sister who  
28 is a registered nurse; all of whom instilled in her that education and knowledge are the keys  
29 to success and survival, and by doing so they have helped Ms. Preston become the successful  
30 and extraordinary person she is today; and

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the  
2 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence  
3 across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

4 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics  
5 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are  
6 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

7 WHEREAS, for 2014, there are six categories for the Women of Excellence Awards:  
8 Business, College Woman of Excellence, Education and Research, High School Woman of  
9 Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Military; and

10 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2014 Women of Excellence Awards are being  
11 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of  
12 Excellence Awards Gala on Tuesday, May 27, 2014; and

13 WHEREAS, Clarissa Preston has been named a recipient of a 2014 Women of  
14 Excellence Award in the field of Business for her accomplishments which demonstrate that  
15 she has truly excelled in business; and

16 WHEREAS, Clarissa Preston merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of  
17 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and  
18 it is entirely appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Clarissa Preston upon  
19 her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's  
20 Caucus Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 commend Clarissa A. Preston, a Baton Rouge businesswoman, upon her receipt of a 2014  
23 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation  
24 for her achievements in the field of Business; does hereby recognize and record for posterity  
25 her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active and dedicated  
26 businesswoman and as a community activist, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation  
27 for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her community and the state of  
28 Louisiana.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
30 to Ms. Clarissa A. Preston.

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DIGEST

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