

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 181

BY REPRESENTATIVES ST. GERMAIN, BARROW, CHAMPAGNE, HILL, HODGES, KATRINA JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MORENO, NORTON, SMITH, STOKES, THIERRY, WHITNEY, AND WOODRUFF AND SENATORS BROOME, BUFFINGTON, DORSEY-COLOMB, AND PETERSON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Wendy Alexandra Varisco of Covington upon her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements and upon being a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship.

WHEREAS, Wendy Alexandra Varisco is an honor student at Covington High School, where she maintains a 4.5 grade point average and is enrolled in honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment classes; and

WHEREAS, Wendy is a champion horse rider and helped establish an equestrian team at her high school; she achieved national rankings in dressage through the United States Dressage Federation and received varsity letters all four years of high school in equestrian athletics; and

WHEREAS, Wendy is also an award-winning member of the 4-H club, which she has participated in for the past nine years; her projects have included livestock, public speaking, and horseback riding; and

WHEREAS, Wendy served on the Louisiana State 4-H Board, the Louisiana State 4-H Citizenship Board, and has held the positions of secretary, vice president, and state president; she has also participated in the Louisiana 4-H Equine Program for the past nine years, where she has competed at the district and state 4-H horse shows every summer and qualified for the Southern Regional 4-H Horse Show for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, Wendy has traveled all across the country with her horses competing in competitions and has attended several Southern Regional 4-H Horse Shows, where she won the regional titles in the First Level Dressage Division for two years in a row; and

WHEREAS, Wendy serves as the school columnist for the *Times-Picayune* and writes for her school's newspaper, the *Lion's Roar*; and

WHEREAS, numerous awards and accolades have been bestowed upon Wendy in recognition of her achievements; she received the 3.5-Plus Grade Point Average Award every school year, the A+ Athletes Award from the WWL New Orleans News Station, the Principal's Leadership Award, the Outstanding Senior Award, the Highest Honors Award, the Covington High School Student of the Year Award, was admitted into the Covington High School Hall of Fame, and was recognized in the *Inside Northside* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Wendy plans on attending a four-year university and major in public relations; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Wendy Alexandra Varisco of Covington has been named a recipient of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award in the field of High School Woman of Excellence and also is a recipient of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship for her accomplishments which demonstrate that she has truly excelled in her high school career; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Varisco merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is entirely appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Wendy Varisco upon her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship, which recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Wendy Alexandra Varisco upon her receipt of a 2014 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements and upon her receipt of a Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation Scholarship, does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Wendy Alexandra Varisco.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE