

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARROW, BISHOP, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CHABERT, CLAITOR, COLOMB, CORTEZ, DONAHUE, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HEWITT, JOHNS, LAFLEUR, LAMBERT, LONG, LUNEAU, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, MORRELL, MORRISH, PEACOCK, PERRY, PETERSON, PRICE, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, THOMPSON, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins on her world record-breaking time in the 100-meter dash for women one hundred and older and to recognize her many accomplishments.

WHEREAS, on the salutary and memorable occasion of the gold medal world-record breaking victory at the National Senior Games in Birmingham, Alabama, it is appropriate that Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins be commended and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, at the age of one hundred and one, Hurricane Hawkins beat the world record for her age group, women one hundred and older, in the 100-meter dash with a time of 39.62 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins celebrated her one hundred second birthday on February 10, 2018; she was born in 1916 and grew up in Ponchatoula; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins attended college at Louisiana State University, became a school teacher, and worked as a teacher in Honduras for the United Fruit Company; and

WHEREAS, she married Murray Hawkins, her college sweetheart, over the phone while he was in Pearl Harbor working for the Navy during World War II; they shared seventy years of wedded bliss in the house that Mr. Hawkins built in 1949 in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Julia Hawkins's spectacular accomplishments are renowned and have been touted in *The Advocate*; she has been featured four times in *Sports Illustrated* and *Runners World* magazines; her story has been covered on national TV and the *Washington Post*; she has also published a book of her memoirs titled *It's Been Wondrous!*; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins started bicycling at seventy-five in the senior games and self-trained by riding a ten-kilometer course around her neighborhood; she won her most prized medal, a bronze, in her first National Senior Games in San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hawkins's long and wonderful life has brought great pride and joy to her family and friends.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize and honor Julia "Hurricane" Hawkins for her heroic athleticism and the tremendous pride she brings to the city Baton Rouge and the state of Louisiana and does hereby recognize and record for posterity her myriad accomplishments which are an inspiration to us all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of the Resolution be transmitted to Julia Hawkins.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE