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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Cecile Charleville Guin, Ph.D., of Baton Rouge, upon her receipt of a 2013

Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of Education and Research.

WHEREAS, Dr. Cecile Charleville Guin is a native of Shreveport who obtained an undergraduate degree in sociology from LSU in 1974, a masters of social work degree from LSU in 1978, and a doctor of philosophy in social work from the University of Texas in Arlington in 1991, and she is a licensed clinical social worker; she has taught at both Louisiana State University at Shreveport and Grambling State University, and before she moved to Baton Rouge, Dr. Guin maintained a private business that provided grant writing, evaluation, and consultation services to nonprofit and governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guin began her LSU career in 1993 as a funding consultant and associate professor of research with an emphasis on correctional studies and juvenile justice issues, and she currently serves as Director of the LSU Office of Social Service Research and Development (OSSRD) and professor of research, School of Social Work in the College of Human Sciences and Education; in her capacity as director of OSSRD, Dr. Guin focuses heavily upon external fund development and actively solicits opportunities for various grants and contracts that address many of the social problems inherent to Louisiana, and she particularly develops programs and seeks funding aimed at interrupting the pathway to crime, delinquency, and other forms of nonproductivity that claim so many Louisiana children and youth; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guin has become a national expert in forensic social work, cultural poverty, death penalty mitigation, and truancy and is also court qualified in the areas of adult criminality, development of a criminal personality, and juvenile delinquency; she has

published numerous articles and reports on juvenile justice issues and regularly speaks on the importance of evidence-based intervention and juvenile reform; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at LSU, Dr. Guin has helped to secure more than seventy-five million dollars in grants and contracts from multiple funding sources, and her expertise in grant writing and her ability to build partnerships with external organizations have not only helped to advance LSU's research agenda, but have also provided direct benefits to community partners and government agencies throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Dr. Guin has been a staunch advocate for juvenile justice issues and has been able to develop programs and shape public policy through her broad research and strong evaluation methods; one of the signature initiatives developed under Dr. Guin's leadership is the Truancy Assessment and Service Center (TASC) Program, which was designed to interrupt a child's pathway to crime and dropping out of school by addressing problems related to poor school attendance in children in grades K-5 and was launched as a pilot program by the Louisiana Legislature in 1999, originating in two parishes and expanding to as many as thirty-two parishes, serving more than four hundred fifty public schools, processing over one hundred thousand student referrals, and providing intervention services to more than seventy-eight thousand children and their families; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Dr. Guin served as the lead grant writer for the Baton Rouge Area Violence Elimination (BRAVE) project and is working closely with local officials and community partners on the development, implementation, and evaluation of the BRAVE project which is an evidence-based group violence reduction strategy designed to decrease juvenile crime by strengthening police-community relationships, school engagement, and community resource connections in the 70805 Zip Code area; 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, for 2013, there are six fields or categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: Business, College Woman of Excellence, Education and Research, High School Woman of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Military; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2013 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at the historic Hilton Capitol House Hotel in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cecile Charleville Guin of Baton Rouge has been named a recipient of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award in the field of Education and Research for her accomplishments which demonstrate that she has truly excelled in both education and research and that her work has resulted in the betterment of individual lives and whole communities and has been of significance in the development of important and effective initiatives and innovations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guin 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 Dr. Cecile Charleville Guin upon her receipt of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation which recognizes her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Cecile Charleville Guin upon her receipt of a 2013 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of Education and Research, 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 Dr. Cecile Charleville Guin.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE