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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUTTER, BARROW, CHAMPAGNE, DOERGE, HILL, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LANDRY, NORTON, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, AND THIERRY AND SENATORS BROOME, CHEEK, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, JACKSON, MOUNT, PETERSON, AND QUINN

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Andree D. Mattix upon her receipt of a 2010 Women of Excellence Award from the La. Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To commend Andree D. Mattix of New Orleans upon her receipt of a 2010 Women of
3	Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation.
4	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Andree D. Mattix upon her receipt of a
5	2010 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus
6	Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active
7	and dedicated community servant; and
8	WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix began her career in the criminal justice system in 1992
9	while working as an adult probation and parole agent for the Louisiana Department of Public
10	Safety and Corrections; and
11	WHEREAS, in 1995, Ms. Mattix began working with the Orleans Parish Criminal
12	District Court specialty court programs and was promoted to clinical supervisor in 1999; and
13	WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Ms.
14	Mattix assisted in the design and implementation of one of Louisiana's first drug courts,
15	Louisiana's first mental health court, and the Drug Court Continuing Care and Alumni
16	Association programs; and
17	WHEREAS, in 1998, Ms. Mattix earned a Master of Counselor Education degree
18	from the University of New Orleans, and she is currently a licensed professional counselor
19	and a licensed marriage and family therapist; and

1	WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix was appointed as director of social services for the Orleans
2	Parish District Attorney's Office in December of 2009, and in this post, she is responsible
3	for the development, implementation, and supervision of the Victim/Witness Assistance
4	Division, Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy, and the Adult and Juvenile Diversion
5	Programs, all of which currently provide services to approximately two thousand
6	individuals; and
7	WHEREAS, the Victim/Witness Assistance Division is a source of great pride for
8	Ms. Mattix, as the division serves as a direct and active response to the violent crime on the
9	streets of New Orleans; and
10	WHEREAS, in addition to assisting victims and witnesses through the criminal
11	justice process, the master's level counselors and social workers are also part of the Crime
12	Scene Response Team, which reports to the scene of all homicides and meets with all sexual
13	assault victims at the time of reporting; and
14	WHEREAS, as part of this division, Ms. Mattix is able to meet the basic needs of
15	clients while empowering and guiding them through the often long and difficult process of
16	prosecution; and
17	WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix, along with District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro, became an
18	integral part in the moving of domestic violence cases from the municipal court to the
19	criminal court, and this move allowed batterers to receive higher bonds and harsher
20	sentences; and
21	WHEREAS, upon her appointment, Ms. Mattix began a thorough revamping of the
22	Juvenile and Adult Diversion Programs, which hold offenders accountable but also provide
23	an opportunity for nonviolent offenders to avoid a criminal conviction and the long-term
24	consequences of that conviction; and
25	WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix is a loving wife to her husband, Keith Milano, and is a
26	devoted mother to her two children, Ian Mattix and Adriana Milano; and
27	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the
28	Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence
29	across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

1 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics 2 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are 3 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and 4 WHEREAS, this year, there were seven categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: Business, Culinary Arts, Education, Law and Justice, Volunteerism and Civic 5 6 Involvement, Young High School Woman of Excellence, and Young Woman of Excellence; 7 and 8 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2010 Women of Excellence Awards are being 9 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of 10 Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in Baton Rouge; and 11 WHEREAS, Andree D. Mattix received a 2010 Women of Excellence Award in the 12 category of Law and Justice; and 13 WHEREAS, Andree D. Mattix merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of 14 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments. 15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 16 commend Andree D. Mattix of New Orleans upon her receipt of a 2010 Women of 17 Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation, does hereby 18 recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as 19 an active and dedicated community servant, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation 20 for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her family, friends, and community, 21 the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana. 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 23 to Andree D. Mattix.

## DIGEST

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