

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY REPRESENTATIVE WADDELL

A RESOLUTION

To commend Marlene Cox of Evangel Christian Academy upon her selection as a representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Los Angeles, California.

WHEREAS, Marlene Cox attended the Louisiana Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar, held from June 4 through June 6, 2010, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program was established in 1958 by popular actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa, where he met with famed humanitarian Dr. Albert Schweitzer and was inspired to create an organization designed to encourage young people to take leadership roles in society; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Cox was joined by one hundred twenty-one other young leaders who represented their high schools throughout Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, these young individuals discussed the core values of the HOBY organization, including the impact of volunteering in one's community, the partnership in community, and an appreciation and need for diversity in our culture; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress is held every year in conjunction with a major university in the United States, and the World Leadership Congress brings together young men and women from around the world for a week-long intensive educational leadership conference; and

WHEREAS, Marlene Cox was chosen as an alternate to represent Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress, which is being held July 23 through July 30, 2010, at the University of California in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in September of each year, HOBY sends nomination materials to every accredited public and private high school in the United States, and each high school is

invited to select one sophomore with demonstrated leadership abilities and potential to attend regional spring HOBY seminars; and

WHEREAS, during the World Leadership Congress, students learn firsthand about other cultures and opinions, form friendships, and exchange ideas in an environment where they can feel comfortable in open discussions with their peers, learning to voice their views about the role of leadership in society; and

WHEREAS, Hugh O'Brian believed the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves, which, as a result of the more than three hundred thousand HOBY alumni, have influenced and inspired young people to become more involved in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress seeks to inspire high school students to excel as leaders, using friendship with others as a catalyst for their learning experience.

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Marlene Cox upon her selection as a representative of Louisiana at the Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress in Los Angeles, California, and does hereby recognize the pride and honor that this wonderful young woman has brought to her family, friends, and community and to the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Marlene Cox.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES