

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Tony Brown of the Eyes Open Radio Network on his many years of service as a successful radio personality.

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown took definitive steps in beginning a career as a broadcast journalist by earning a bachelor of arts degree in 1988 from the University of Houston; and

WHEREAS, immediately thereafter, Mr. Brown began reporting the news in several areas of the country including Beaumont, Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; and Alexandria, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, April 15, 2002, marks the first day of radio broadcast for "Eyes Open With Tony Brown" and after eleven years, the program continues to inspire passionate dialogue about current events within his community and state; and

WHEREAS, through "Eyes Open With Tony Brown", Mr. Brown has created an avenue for residents of Louisiana to voice their concern regarding news stories important to them; and

WHEREAS, broadcasted daily during the morning drive hours on five FM stations statewide, this program has established a reputation as a defender of the less fortunate and a source that addresses different sides of multifaceted issues; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's radio show has been recognized and featured by a number of national personalities, activists, and news outlets as well as the BBC; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is the owner and chief executive officer of Eyes Open Productions, LLC, which consists of the statewide radio program of the same name and an advertising agency; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is also the executive director of Eyes Open Media, a nonprofit group and the executive producer and chief executive officer of the Peabody Warhorse Radio Network; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has served as a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Louisiana, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and United Way of Central Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is the recipient of numerous awards and achievements including the Louisiana NAACP Champion of the Cause Award, the Central Louisiana Business League Person of the Year, and the Southwest Texas Rape Crisis Center Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is the proud husband of Bianca, and a member of the Monroe Street Church of Christ as well as a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Tony Brown for his many years of service and commitment to broadcast journalism, and his accomplishments and contributions to his community and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana congratulates Tony Brown on the eleventh anniversary of broadcast of "Eyes Open With Tony Brown".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does extend to Tony Brown best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Tony Brown.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES