

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sandra Chaisson Brown upon her selection by *Louisiana Life* magazine as a Louisianian of the Year in 2014.

WHEREAS, Sandra Chaisson Brown grew up in Lafayette where she earned a nursing degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and began her medical career as a nurse at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown's desire to teach led her to New Orleans to obtain a master's degree from the LSU Health Sciences Center, and while working at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Ms. Brown pursued a doctorate in nursing; and

WHEREAS, heeding the call to help launch a master's degree program at the nursing school at Southern University and A&M College, Ms. Brown moved to Baton Rouge; after being awarded a post-doctoral fellowship, she became certified as a nurse practitioner through a program at the University of Tennessee and returned to Southern University to launch a nurse practitioner program in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown expanded Southern University's offerings to include a Ph.D. nursing program with a doctor of nursing practice curriculum, and for her dedication to quality in nursing education at Southern University's nursing school, Ms. Brown was named Nursing Educator of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association and Louisiana Nurses Foundation in the spring of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University nurse practitioner program graduates an average of forty students a year, turns out the largest number of minority nurse practitioners in the country, and its students boast a ninety-five percent success rate on the national certification exam; and

WHEREAS, the health and prosperity of the citizens of Louisiana are due in large part to the talents and skills of hardworking people like Sandra Chaisson Brown, and it is appropriate to commend her upon her recognition as a Louisianian of the Year in 2014 by *Louisiana Life* magazine.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sandra Chaisson Brown upon her prestigious designation by *Louisiana Life* magazine as a Louisianian of the Year in 2014; does hereby express its appreciation for the positive imprint her work in nursing has made upon the healthy fabric of our great state; and does hereby extend best wishes to Sandra Chaisson Brown as she continues to sow seeds of good health in the land of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES