

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

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

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Shelly Deckert Dick of Baton Rouge upon her receipt of a 2012 Women of Excellence Award from the La. Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Shelly Deckert Dick of Baton Rouge on being selected as a recipient of a 2012
3 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus
4 Foundation.

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Shelly Deckert Dick upon her receipt of
6 a 2012 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus
7 Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active
8 and dedicated community servant; and

9 WHEREAS, she was born in El Paso, Texas; received a Bachelor of Science degree
10 cum laude from the University of Texas in 1981, and upon graduation was employed by
11 Dow Chemical where she managed a three million dollar sales territory for four years before
12 returning to law school; and

13 WHEREAS, she received her Juris Doctorate from LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center
14 in 1988, where she was a member of the LSU Law Review; and

15 WHEREAS, as a founding partner of Forrester, Jordan and Dick in 1991, she has
16 extensive experience in complex, multi-party commercial litigation, labor and employment,
17 and railroad litigation in both state and federal court; and

18 WHEREAS, she has extensive trial experience, including both bench and jury trials

1 in both the state and federal courts; and

2 WHEREAS, she was appointed by the Louisiana Department of Labor to serve as
3 an ad hoc hearing officer in state worker's compensation cases in an effort to assist the
4 department in clearing a back logged docket of worker's compensation cases; and

5 WHEREAS, she is a member of the American Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar
6 Association, Baton Rouge Bar Association, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel,
7 Louisiana Association of Defense Counsel, and Defense Research Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, she has served as a lecturer on the Management of Nonprofit
9 Organizations in December of 1998 at Southern University Department of Public
10 Administration; a speaker on Jurisdiction of Native American Tribal Courts for The
11 American Inns of Court of Alexandria and Pineville, Louisiana; a moderator at various
12 continuing legal education courses in Ethics, Civil Procedure, Worker's Compensation, and
13 Tribal Law and Jurisdiction; a presenter of Adjusting Casualty Claims in Louisiana, for
14 Liberty International Underwriters in New York, New York in June of 2011; and a presenter
15 for "Best Practices Handling Worker's Compensation Claims" for Southern Association of
16 Worker's Compensation Administrator in July of 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, maintaining a connection with her local community is an important
18 theme in her life; as a provider of Pro Bono Legal Services through the BRBA Pro Bono
19 Services Program as a founding member of the Board of Directors of I Hope Baton Rouge,
20 a Freedom School affiliate as a member of the Administrative Board of First United
21 Methodist Church; was the chair person of a five million dollar Capital Campaign to build
22 a youth center at First United Methodist Church; and as a Sunday school teacher at First
23 United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge serving from 1998 to the present; and

24 WHEREAS, her volunteerism is without bounds; she has served as a volunteer at The
25 Holy Grill, a hunger mission of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Louisiana
26 as a past board member and past president of The Early Learning Center, Child
27 Development and Guidance Center as a past board member and past secretary treasurer of
28 the YWCA of Baton Rouge as a past board member and past president of The Battered
29 Women's Center in Baton Rouge as a past board member and past president of Greater Baton
30 Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues, presently known as Interfaith Federation

1 of Greater Baton Rouge as a past member of and participant in "Sustained Dialogue" on
2 Race sponsored by Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues; and a past
3 participant and graduate of Leadership Baton Rouge, sponsored by the Baton Rouge
4 Chamber of Commerce; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Dick's philanthropic service pursuits extend to her global
6 community, as well, via her participation on construction teams with Domestic and Foreign
7 Missionary services, through Louisiana Volunteers in Mission, and have taken her to
8 Katrina-ravaged communities in South Louisiana; Danoon Township South Africa in March
9 of 2008; Maua Methodist Hospital, Maua, Kenya, Africa in September of 2010; and
10 Kampong Thom, Cambodia in September of 2011; and

11 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the
12 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence
13 across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

14 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics
15 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are
16 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

17 WHEREAS, this year, there were seven categories for the Women of Excellence
18 Awards: Business, College Woman of Excellence, Education, Government & Law, High
19 School Woman of Excellence, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, and
20 Volunteerism and Civic Involvement; and

21 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2012 Women of Excellence Awards are being
22 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of
23 Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, in Baton Rouge; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Dick received a 2012 Women of Excellence Award in the category
25 of Government and Law for her highly productive community activism and service; and

26 WHEREAS, she merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her
27 dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
29 commend Shelly Deckert Dick of Baton Rouge as a recipient of a 2012 Women of
30 Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation, does hereby

1 recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as
2 an active and dedicated community servant, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation
3 for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her family and friends, the city of
4 Baton Rouge, and the state of Louisiana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
6 Shelly Deckert Dick.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

Peterson

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