

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sherri McConnell for her service to the state of Louisiana, upon her resignation from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, Office of Entertainment.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Sherri McConnell as she resigns from her position as the Director of the Office of Entertainment, where she served the people of the state of Louisiana with dedication and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Sherri McConnell began her career with the Office of Entertainment on February 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance the state's entertainment industry has now experienced its fifth consecutive year of growth; and

WHEREAS, because of Sherri McConnell's aggressive pursuit of Digital Media incentives, Louisiana now boasts over 103,000 professionals with a background in software development or digital media; and

WHEREAS, due to Sherri McConnell's drive and vision, Louisiana is number three in the country for the number of movie and film productions shot in the state, with over 300 motion pictures being shot in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Sherri McConnell's commitment in capturing and spotlighting Louisiana's indigenous creative class led to the creation of the nation's first tax incentive package focused solely on the creation, growth and expansion of the live concert and theatrical industries; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the opportunity to put Louisiana musicians to work, Sherri McConnell and the Office of Entertainment developed an incentive program that allowed our musicians to stay in Louisiana and remain a treasured cultural asset to the state; and

WHEREAS, as result of her and the Office of Entertainment's untiring efforts, Louisiana has become known as the place for all things entertainment, which has generated more than \$2 billion in new revenue and spurred the creation of thousands of high wage jobs, state of the art infrastructure development and new business opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Sherri McConnell for her years of dedicated service to the people of the state of Louisiana and thanks her for her exemplary service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sherri McConnell.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE