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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 137

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUTTER, BARROW, CHAMPAGNE, DOERGE, HILL, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LANDRY, NORTON, JANE SMITH, PATRICIA SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, STIAES, AND THIERRY AND SENATORS BROOME, CHEEK, DORSEY, DUPLESSIS, JACKSON, MOUNT, PETERSON, AND QUINN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Andree D. Mattix of New Orleans upon her receipt of a 2010 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Andree D. Mattix upon her receipt of a 2010 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active and dedicated community servant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix began her career in the criminal justice system in 1992 while working as an adult probation and parole agent for the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Ms. Mattix began working with the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court specialty court programs and was promoted to clinical supervisor in 1999; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, Ms. Mattix assisted in the design and implementation of one of Louisiana's first drug courts, Louisiana's first mental health court, and the Drug Court Continuing Care and Alumni Association programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Ms. Mattix earned a Master of Counselor Education degree from the University of New Orleans, and she is currently a licensed professional counselor and a licensed marriage and family therapist; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix was appointed as director of social services for the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office in December of 2009, and in this post, she is responsible for the development, implementation, and supervision of the Victim/Witness Assistance Division, Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy, and the Adult and Juvenile Diversion

Programs, all of which currently provide services to approximately two thousand individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Victim/Witness Assistance Division is a source of great pride for Ms. Mattix, as the division serves as a direct and active response to the violent crime on the streets of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, in addition to assisting victims and witnesses through the criminal justice process, the master's level counselors and social workers are also part of the Crime Scene Response Team, which reports to the scene of all homicides and meets with all sexual assault victims at the time of reporting; and

WHEREAS, as part of this division, Ms. Mattix is able to meet the basic needs of clients while empowering and guiding them through the often long and difficult process of prosecution; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix, along with District Attorney Leon Cannizzaro, became an integral part in the moving of domestic violence cases from the municipal court to the criminal court, and this move allowed batterers to receive higher bonds and harsher sentences; and

WHEREAS, upon her appointment, Ms. Mattix began a thorough revamping of the Juvenile and Adult Diversion Programs, which hold offenders accountable but also provide an opportunity for nonviolent offenders to avoid a criminal conviction and the long-term consequences of that conviction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mattix is a loving wife to her husband, Keith Milano, and is a devoted mother to her two children, Ian Mattix and Adriana Milano; and

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

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

WHEREAS, this year, there were seven categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: Business, Culinary Arts, Education, Law and Justice, Volunteerism and Civic

Involvement, Young High School Woman of Excellence, and Young Woman of Excellence;
and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2010 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Andree D. Mattix received a 2010 Women of Excellence Award in the category of Law and Justice; and

WHEREAS, Andree D. Mattix merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Andree D. Mattix of New Orleans upon her receipt of a 2010 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation, does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active and dedicated community servant, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her family, friends, and community, the city of New Orleans, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Andree D. Mattix.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE