

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 186

BY REPRESENTATIVE SIMON

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Anne Dale for her commitment to celebrating the natural resources of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Anne Dale, a native of New Orleans, for her achievements as a jeweler, particularly with respect to the pride she takes in utilizing the natural materials of her home state; and

WHEREAS, Anne Dale is a graduate gemologist of the Gemological Institute of America, a professional gemologist of the Columbia School of Gemology, and a fellow of the Gemological Association of Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, the former executive director of GEM-A USA, an American branch of the Gemological Association of Great Britain, Ms. Dale has promoted gemological education by speaking frequently at jewelry trade shows on diamonds and gemstones and has implemented diamond gemological courses in private schools, colleges, and universities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Anne Dale is known as a jeweler for causes, and her designs include items related to rebuilding New Orleans, autism awareness, supporting the troops, self-esteem in youth, and other worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Ms. Dale developed a process to make the common Louisiana oyster shell into a gemstone material known as LaPearlite, which is derived from the organic shell of the *Crassostrea virginica* (American oyster), a species predominantly found in the waters of coastal Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Anne Dale merits a special measure of commendation for her dedication to using her gifts and talents to support Louisiana fishermen, tourism, and the seafood industry of the Gulf Coast by utilizing the state's natural resources in her craft as a jeweler.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Anne Dale, does hereby recognize her outstanding accomplishments as an entrepreneur and jeweler, does hereby extend appreciation for her dedication to celebrating and promoting the inherent beauty of Louisiana's natural resources, and does hereby extend to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Anne Dale.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE