

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Mary Ann Sternberg of Baton Rouge upon her receipt of a 2011 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Mary Ann Sternberg upon her receipt of a 2011 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, Mary Ann Sternberg, a native of New Orleans, graduated from Vassar College in New York state with a bachelor's degree in English; she returned to Louisiana to work at the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) affiliate radio and television stations until she married her husband, Josef Sternberg, and relocated to Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sternberg started freelance feature writing in 1974 and also wrote nonfiction books, focusing a majority of her works on Louisiana history and culture; she has authored three books, including *Along the River Road* and *Winding Through Time*; she has served as a panelist at both the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival and at the Louisiana Festival for the Book; she proudly chairs the committee that sponsors the Ernest Gaines Award for Literary Excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sternberg is in her sixteenth consecutive year working part-time on the staff of the Louisiana State University Manship School of Mass Communication; she has happily volunteered her writing and public relations skills on behalf of many community nonprofits; she has served in various volunteer capacities, including communications advisor, writer, and public relations helper for organizations such as the Arts Council of Baton Rouge, Volunteer Baton Rouge, Capital Area United Way, Episcopal High School,

the Mississippi River Road Commission, the Josef Sternberg Memorial Annual Lecture Series, Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, and others; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sternberg has served on multiple boards and served as chair of the boards of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation, the LSU Rural Life Museum, and the Louisiana State Arts Council; she has been recognized with the National Conference for Community and Justice Foundation Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award, the Preservation Award from the Foundation for Historical Louisiana, the Volunteer Activist Award, and the Conservator's Award from the Nature Conservancy of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sternberg is the mother of three children and has one grandson; 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, College Woman of Excellence, Education, Health and Medicine, High School Woman of Excellence, Media and Public Relations, and Volunteerism and Civic Involvement; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2011 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 11, 2011, in Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Sternberg received a 2011 Women of Excellence Award in the category of Volunteerism and Civic Involvement for her highly productive community activism and service; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Sternberg 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 Mary Ann Sternberg of Baton Rouge upon her receipt of a 2011 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 and friends, the city of Baton Rouge, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mary Ann Sternberg.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE