

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

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 Beverly Choppin 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 Beverly Choppin 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, Beverly Choppin graduated from Louisiana State University with a bachelor of science degree in accounting in 1978; she worked at the Southland Corporation headquarters in Dallas, Texas, on the corporate controller's staff; she returned to Baton Rouge, where she married her husband of thirty-one years, Geoffrey Choppin; she worked in the public accounting sector and as the controller for an international distribution firm; she earned her Certified Public Accountant designation in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Choppin accepted the position of controller for Wright and Percy Insurance in 1985; in 1998, she was promoted to chief financial officer; in 2006, she was promoted to vice president; and in 2011, she was promoted to senior vice president of BancorpSouth Insurance Services, her current position; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Choppin has helped in the shepherding of Wright and Percy through ownership changes as well as computer system conversions over the years; in 2003, Wright and Percy was purchased by BancorpSouth Insurance Service, Inc.; she provides leadership and guidance to the other insurance agencies which make up the BancorpSouth Insurance Services group of agencies; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Choppin has shared her organizational and financial skills with many nonprofit groups, such as the Dyslexia Association of Greater Baton Rouge, the Audubon Girl Scouts Council, the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge, Bengal Belles, St. Jude Catholic Church's St. Matthew Ministry, Southside YMCA Board, Volunteers in Public Schools reading program, and the Woman's Hospital Women's Victory Open; she also mentors young women through her involvement in Zeta Tau Alpha, a national woman's fraternity, and she has served as the co-chairman of the LSU Greek Advisor's Selection Committee, was facilitator for the chapter treasurers during the Greek Life Leadership training, has been recognized as the LSU Outstanding Greek Advisor, and has received the Greek Excellence Award; 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, Beverly Choppin received a 2011 Women of Excellence Award in the category of Business for her significant professional achievements and highly productive community service; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Choppin 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 Beverly Choppin 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 Beverly Choppin.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE