

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern Louisiana University upon its receipt of the 2015 SBDC Excellence and Innovation Award from the United States Small Business Administration.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Southeastern Louisiana University received the 2015 SBDC Excellence and Innovation Award on May 8, 2015, at the White House from the United States Small Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, the SBDC at Southeastern Louisiana University provides invaluable service and assistance to many businesses and entrepreneurs in the region it serves; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Southeastern's SBDC has received state and regional awards in recognition of extraordinary efforts in the development of innovative ideas and excellent service to clients; and

WHEREAS, the United States has approximately two thousand small business development centers and the SBDC at Southeastern is one of ten in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the SBDC at Southeastern Louisiana University serves the five-parish region of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the SBDC has assisted over three thousand six hundred clients, aided in the development of more than two hundred twenty new businesses and expansions, helped businesses establish two thousand five hundred jobs, and obtained more than three hundred twenty-eight million dollars in capital formation; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the SBDC received a state-level Excellence and Innovation Award and was recognized two years later as the top center in the five-state region of Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, with the help of area economic development agencies and chambers of commerce, the SBDC at Southeastern Louisiana University is able to work towards the improvement of the economic climate and opportunities for the region; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the SBDC at Southeastern Louisiana University upon its receipt of the 2015 SBDC Excellence and Innovation Award and to recognize the extraordinary service that the center provides to businesses, entrepreneurs, and the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern Louisiana University upon its receipt of the 2015 SBDC Excellence and Innovation Award from the United States Small Business Administration and does hereby recognize and record for posterity its distinguished record of service to businesses, entrepreneurs, and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Wayne Ricks and Brandy Boudreaux, business consultants at the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern; Sandy Summers, assistant director of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern; William Joubert, director of the Louisiana Small Business Development Center at Southeastern; Dr. John Crain, president of Southeastern Louisiana University; and Dr. Sandra Woodley, president of the University of Louisiana System.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES