

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER

A RESOLUTION

To commend Lily Acosta Galland, Norco Communications and Social Performance Manager, upon the occasion of her retirement after thirty-three years of service.

WHEREAS, Lily Acosta Galland of Norco began her career with Shell Oil Company at its Norco manufacturing complex in 1979; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of employment at the Shell Norco facility, Ms. Galland developed and led numerous educational and economic development programs to improve the quality of life in the River Parishes area; and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of improving her community, Ms. Galland developed and implemented the award-winning Shell Partners in Education program; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Galland has improved the lives of residents of St. Charles and St. John parishes by founding the River Parishes Education Foundation, a coalition of business and industry, government, educators, and interested citizens working together to improve education and workforce preparedness in the region by recognizing issues, promoting community involvement, and providing teacher grants and student scholarships; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ms. Galland has served her community as chairperson of both the former River Area Council-Chamber of Commerce and the New Orleans Regional Chamber's Area Councils Coordinating Committee, a member of the executive committee and board of directors of the former New Orleans Regional Chamber, the charter president of the Professional Women of the River Region, president of the St. Charles Parish United Way, and a board member of both the St. Charles and St. John United Way organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Galland was also instrumental in the development of the Norco Economic Development Foundation, which focuses on business and workforce development,

and the Norco Community Fund, which provides grants to nonprofit organizations serving Norco; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Galland has received many accolades for her service to the people of the River Parishes, including the prestigious University of New Orleans Business/Education Leader Award and Young Women's Christian Association Role Model Award; and

WHEREAS, following her retirement from Norco, Ms. Galland will continue her long service to her community as director of the Norco Economic Development Foundation and the Norco Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Galland is truly one of Louisiana's finest citizens and a woman of many gifts and talents who has left an indelible mark on the lives of those she has touched.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Lily Acosta Galland for her many years of exemplary service to the Shell Oil Company, Norco manufacturing complex, and to the citizens of Norco and the River Parishes region, and does hereby recognize the many contributions she has made to the betterment of the education and business climate for the citizens of the River Parishes region and her hometown of Norco.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Lily Acosta Galland.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES