

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 135

BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, BRYANT, HUVAL, AND MIGUEZ

A RESOLUTION

To commend Janet Faulk-Gonzales on the occasion of her retirement from the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce.

WHEREAS, Janet has served as the president and CEO of the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce since May 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Janet's leadership of the chamber included sustaining and building on community leadership development in Iberia Parish; these objectives were achieved through programs such as the flagship Leadership Iberia program, which is in its twenty-third year, and the FireStarter Project, which is a high school leadership program in its fifth year of operation; and

WHEREAS, Janet facilitated a half-day women's leadership conference series called "Inspire", and she pushed for the creation of a young professionals group for Iberia Parish; and

WHEREAS, Janet helped to ensure that the services of the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce and auxiliary economic development resources were readily available to all local businesses on a day-to-day basis; and

WHEREAS, she oversaw the pivoting of the chamber's work and direction during the COVID-19 pandemic to bolster local business and provide relief and stability to the Iberia Parish economy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Faulk-Gonzales helped to educate hundreds of local business owners and community members on sustainable business practices that help small businesses thrive while also supporting the Iberia Parish economy and connecting with fellow local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Janet also championed the World Championship Gumbo Cook Off held annually in New Iberia; this event is critically important to the region's tourism industry as it attracts visitors from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, she also partnered with local, regional, and state organizations to connect business leaders with their legislators; and

WHEREAS, Janet Faulk-Gonzales is most deserving of the highest recognition for her incredible commitment to Iberia Parish and for her tireless promotion of South Louisiana's culture.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Janet Faulk-Gonzales on the occasion of her retirement from the Greater Iberia Chamber of Commerce; does hereby recognize her inspiring dedication to the growth of the Iberia Parish economy and the preservation of the parish's culture; and does hereby extend sincere wishes that she enjoy a comfortable and prosperous retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Janet Faulk-Gonzales.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES