

2016 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE REYNOLDS

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce upon receiving the Small Chamber of the Year award and to recognize the chamber for its services that create an environment for economic growth.

WHEREAS, the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce encourages economic growth in the Minden-South Webster Parish area in northwest Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2015, the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce received the Small Chamber of the Year award at the annual Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives conference held in Sulphur; and

WHEREAS, through community, organizational, and professional development, the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce has made significant contributions to the Minden-South Webster Parish area; and

WHEREAS, during the spring of each year, the chamber participates in a Washington, D.C. fly-in to meet with elected officials; in 2014, Jerri de Pingre', president of the chamber, submitted the issue "Go or Blow: The Demilitarization of M6 Propellant" to educate officials on the impending danger of the illegally stored M6 close to downtown Minden; as a result of the chamber's hard work and dedication, the United States Army accepted responsibility for the clean up; and

WHEREAS, the chamber plays a significant role in providing economic information to the community and has helped bring highly sought physicians to a town of 12,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the chamber has taken an active role in the Louisiana Initiative for Nonprofit and Community Collaboration (LINCC); in 2014, the chamber, along with the city of Minden, completed the Louisiana Development Ready Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, each year, the chamber hosts many organizational development events, including a breakfast for new teachers in the parish, a board retreat, and a 15 Under 40 Gala which highlights fifteen business professionals under the age of forty in the Minden-South Webster Parish area; and

WHEREAS, the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce has created numerous opportunities for businesses in northwest Louisiana and has a strong commitment to the community; and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the Small Chamber of the Year award, it is appropriate to commend the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce and to recognize the chamber for its outstanding services to the community.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce upon receiving the Small Chamber of the Year award from the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Executives and does hereby recognize and record for posterity the chamber's commitment to economic growth in the Minden-South Webster Parish area in northwest Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Jerri de Pingre'.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES