

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY SENATORS PETERSON, BROOME, BUFFINGTON AND DORSEY-COLOMB
AND REPRESENTATIVES BARROW, CHAMPAGNE, HILL,
HODGES, KATRINA JACKSON, NANCY LANDRY, MORENO,
NORTON, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN, THIERRY AND WHITNEY

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Dawn Sharpe-Brackett of Slidell upon her receipt of a 2012 Women of Excellence Award from the La. Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To commend Dawn Sharpe-Brackett of Slidell upon her receipt of a 2012 Women of
3 Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation.

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend Dawn Sharpe-Brackett upon her receipt
5 of a 2012 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus
6 Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active
7 and dedicated community servant; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett is a graduate of the national Institute for Paralegal
9 Training in Atlanta, Georgia and the U.S. Chamber Institute Organized Management course
10 at the University of Georgia, where she obtained her certified I.O.M. designation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer
12 of the East St. Tammany Chamber of Commerce located in her hometown, Slidell which
13 chamber holds a five star accreditation by the United States Chamber of Commerce
14 representing the top one percent of all chambers, and also, during the leadership of Mrs.
15 Sharpe-Brackett, the Chamber has been recognized each year for its above national average
16 growth, retention, and success; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2010, the American Chamber of Commerce of Executives awarded
18 the East St. Tammany Chamber National Chamber of the Year, being the first Louisiana

1 chamber to ever receive the award; and

2 WHEREAS, in 2009, the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership
3 Award for the Small Chamber of the Year was awarded to Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett and her
4 outstanding staff; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett received the 2010 Civic Award by the Alliance
6 for Good Government, St. Tammany Parish Chapter, for her outstanding dedication and
7 service to the citizens of the parish; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett was recognized as one of the top fifty Outstanding
9 Business Women of the year in 2010; and

10 WHEREAS, as a Chamber board member, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett has been presented
11 the highest awards of the Chamber: 2006 Board of Director of the Year and Member of the
12 Year, and was named the 2002 Woman of the Year, 1999 and 2000 Young Careerist, and
13 2000 New Member of the Year, for the Slidell Business and Professional Women
14 Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett is vice-president of the Louisiana Association of
16 Chamber of Commerce Executives, a board member of the Center of Chamber of Commerce
17 Executives, Friends of Olde Towne Slidell and St. Tammany Economic Development
18 District Board, assisting the parish in recruiting and retaining businesses; and

19 WHEREAS, additional boards on which Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett serves include:
20 STARC and The Women's Health Alliance for the community hospital, Slidell Memorial;
21 she is a life member of the Slidell Junior Auxiliary and a founding member of the National
22 Association of Junior Auxiliary Foundation; she is a member of the Leadership Northshore
23 Board of Trustees (2009 Class President), Friends of the Harbor Center, Slidell Women
24 Civic Club, and Slidell Republican Women's Club; she is a Rotarian and a founding member
25 of the Slidell Camellia Kiwanis; and she is a committee/team member of the East St.
26 Tammany Relay for Life with the American Cancer Society; and

27 WHEREAS, Dawn's personal love and dedication to the community show in her
28 everyday lifestyle; she shares credit of her accomplishments with her staff and the board of
29 directors she works along side; she is a mother of two teenagers, Zackary and James
30 Houvenaeghel, and wife of Louisiana Army National Guard Captain Troy Brackett; she is

1 the daughter of Jim and Caron Sharpe; somehow she finds a balance between work and
2 family to do what she loves in the community; her hobbies include pottery and
3 scrapbooking, and her motto is to leave St. Tammany parish better for our children; and

4 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation created the
5 Women of Excellence Awards to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence
6 across the state for their outstanding achievements and contributions; and

7 WHEREAS, recipients of the Women of Excellence Awards exhibit characteristics
8 of integrity and professionalism, personify excellence in their area of specialty, and are
9 committed to community service to better society as a whole; and

10 WHEREAS, this year, there were seven categories for the Women of Excellence
11 Awards: Business, College Woman of Excellence, Education, Government & Law, High
12 School Woman of Excellence, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics, and
13 Volunteerism and Civic Involvement; and

14 WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2012 Women of Excellence Awards are being
15 recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of
16 Excellence Awards Gala on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, in Baton Rouge; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett received a 2012 Women of Excellence Award in
18 the category of Business for her highly productive community activism and service; and

19 WHEREAS, Dawn Sharpe-Brackett merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of
20 commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 commend Dawn Sharpe-Brackett of Slidell upon her receipt of a 2012 Women of Excellence
23 Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation, does hereby recognize
24 and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana as an active
25 and dedicated community servant, and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the
26 tremendous honor and pride that she brings to her family and friends, the city of Slidell, and
27 the state of Louisiana.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dawn
29 Sharpe-Brackett.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

DIGEST

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