

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in 2010, the American Chamber of Commerce of Executives awarded the East St. Tammany Chamber National Chamber of the Year, being the first Louisiana chamber to ever receive the award; and

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Sharpe-Brackett received the 2010 Civic Award by the Alliance for Good Government, St. Tammany Parish Chapter, for her outstanding dedication and

service to the citizens of the parish; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Dawn's personal love and dedication to the community show in her everyday lifestyle; she shares credit of her accomplishments with her staff and the board of directors she works along side; she is a mother of two teenagers, Zackary and James Houvenaeghel, and wife of Louisiana Army National Guard Captain Troy Brackett; she is the daughter of Jim and Caron Sharpe; somehow she finds a balance between work and family to do what she loves in the community; her hobbies include pottery and scrapbooking, and her motto is to leave St. Tammany parish better for our children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES