

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 149

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Dr. Tiffany M. Stewart upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of Health and Medicine.

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Florida State University in 1996, and in 2002, she received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Louisiana State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart completed a residency in clinical psychology at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2002, and from 2002 until 2004, she served as director of the Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center inpatient unit eating disorders program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart is a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of Louisiana and is currently an associate professor at Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge where she serves as the director of the Behavior Technology Laboratory: Eating Disorders and Obesity; and

WHEREAS, she has a research program that studies body image, eating disorders, and obesity, with a focus on assessment, treatment, and prevention; she has been a pioneer in the development and testing of e-health technologies and community-based programs in order to disseminate prevention and treatment efforts to large populations; and

WHEREAS, another of Dr. Stewart's commendable achievements is spearheading unique, large, multi-site prevention studies that have included the development and deployment of novel approaches for health behavior change; this notable work has attracted

multimillion dollar grant funding from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense to help develop and test programs and conduct studies related to eating disorders and health behaviors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart has led the way for further research through her academic investigation of health behaviors related to body image, eating disorders, obesity, and women's health; her extensive research has attracted investors and capital to form an assessment, prevention, and treatment enterprise which employs state-of-the-art methods to improve the health of individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart is founder and CSO of Body Evolution Technologies, Incorporated, a venture capital-funded entrepreneurial endeavor based on scientific discoveries at Pennington Biomedical Research Center and other universities across the country; and

WHEREAS, she influences individuals outside of her work environment by dedicating time to teach cycling and yoga classes; 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, for 2015, there are six categories for the Women of Excellence Awards: Business, College Woman of Excellence, Health and Medicine, High School Woman of Excellence, Louisiana Hero of Excellence, and Nonprofit of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of the 2015 Women of Excellence Awards are being recognized at the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation's Women of Excellence Awards Gala on Tuesday, May 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart has been named a recipient of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award in the field of Health and Medicine for her accomplishments which demonstrate that she has truly excelled in the areas of health and medicine and her contributions in these fields have resulted in the betterment of lives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stewart merits a sincere and heartfelt measure of commendation for her dedication to excellence and her outstanding accomplishments, and it is entirely appropriate for the Legislature of Louisiana to commend Dr. Stewart upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation and to recognize her vital contributions to the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Dr. Tiffany M. Stewart upon her receipt of a 2015 Women of Excellence Award from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus Foundation for her achievements in the field of Health and Medicine; does hereby recognize and record for posterity her singular contributions to the citizens of Louisiana; and does hereby extend enduring appreciation for the tremendous pride that she brings to her community and the state of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Dr. Tiffany M. Stewart.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE