

By: Representative Williams-Barnes

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING MISS
2 ASIA MONET WILSON REID UPON BEING CHOSEN AS A DEBUTANTE FOR THE
3 ORIGINAL ILLINOIS CLUB AND FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

4 WHEREAS, Miss Asia Monet Wilson Reid was selected as a
5 Debutante for the Original Illinois Club, purposed with helping
6 young women of color to develop a sense of worth, become better
7 educated, develop a purpose in their life and focus on their goals
8 and accomplishments in society; and

9 WHEREAS, when the debutante committee interviewed Miss Asia
10 for this honor, the members knew immediately that she met every
11 qualification, as a scholar, musician, community servant, athlete,
12 actress, orator, devout Christian and a legacy within the Original
13 Illinois Club; and

14 WHEREAS, the alluring daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aviers Reid of
15 Laplace, Louisiana and Mrs. Rhonda Wilson Tucker of Amite,
16 Louisiana, Miss Asia's connection to the Original Illinois Club
17 spans decades by way of her stepmother, the former Jacquelyn
18 Denise Tartt, first maid in 1984 and her step-grandfather, the



19 late Major Harry C. Tartt (US Army), a member for almost 25 years
20 serving as a club Chaplin, parliamentarian, the 1987 Ball Captain
21 and King Illinois in 1997; and

22 WHEREAS, no one is more proud of Miss Asia than her
23 grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reid of Laplace, Louisiana, Mrs.
24 Vertis Wilson of Mt. Herman, Louisiana, and so too would her
25 grandfather, the late Mr. Vernell Wilson, if he could be with her
26 now; and

27 WHEREAS, Miss Asia was a natural-born scholar from her youth,
28 memorizing and spelling the names of all fifty states in the
29 Union, and while a student at Natalbany Elementary School and
30 Lucille Nesome Middle School in Tickfaw, she was consistently on
31 the honor roll through her formative years; and

32 WHEREAS, an adolescent dedicated to academics was not
33 deficient in athletics, as a member of the basketball, track and
34 varsity volleyball teams, Asia grew in strength and learned
35 necessary team-building skills; and

36 WHEREAS, her intellect was not contained to her childhood,
37 while matriculating at St. Charles Catholic High School, she
38 maintained honor roll status as a freshman and received a 4.0 GPA
39 and Principal's List accolades during her sophomore year; and

40 WHEREAS, Miss Asia is currently an outstanding honor student
41 at Jewel Sumner High School where she maintains a 3.8 GPA, is a
42 member of the Beta Club and received the school's award for
43 Academic Excellence; and



44 WHEREAS, Miss Asia has had an eye to the stage since
45 childhood, training young by reciting entire dialogues from her
46 favorite musicals such as *The Wiz* and *Dreamgirls*, and closely
47 observing her beloved dramas, including every Tyler Perry play and
48 every episode of "Meet the Browns"; and

49 WHEREAS, performance was already on her childlike mind when
50 she was crowned queen of her elementary school, St. Joan of Arc in
51 New Orleans in 2002 and went on to win the St. John Parish Airline
52 Summer Camp Talent Show; and

53 WHEREAS, Miss Asia continued her calling to music by winning
54 the District IX Beta Conference Talent Show with her fellow peers,
55 winning the 2015 Outstanding Soprano Award given by her school
56 chorus, performing the national anthem during her high school's
57 opening night football game and receiving a superior score in the
58 Louisiana Music Association's Solo Ensemble competition, but all
59 performances dim when compared to the day she sang "At Last" by
60 Etta James at her grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary
61 celebration at the Beau Rivage Resort in Biloxi, Mississippi; and

62 WHEREAS, not only are her accomplishments academic and
63 musical, Miss Asia also has a talent for drama as a member of the
64 Show Choir and Stage-Hands Drama Club where she was cast in their
65 production of the *Guys and Dolls* stage play; and

66 WHEREAS, her talent is not limited to her high school, as she
67 was accepted to the acclaimed Anthony Bean Community Theatre and
68 Acting School in New Orleans and was cast in the lead role of



69 Gabriella in *High School Musical*, Lauren Hill in *Old School*, *New*
70 *School* and Martha in *Martha Reeves and the Vandellas*; and

71 WHEREAS, a gifted orator, Asia has been invited to recite the
72 late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have A
73 Dream" speech at churches in the River Parishes for the last three
74 years in celebration of Black History Month; and

75 WHEREAS, Asia has dedicated her life to Christ and helped
76 lead the youth choir for several years at Good Hope Baptist Church
77 in Wilmer, Louisiana, where she performed her first public solo at
78 the age of seven; and

79 WHEREAS, her mission for Christ is not confined to the church
80 doors, Asia has always been heavily involved in community service,
81 singing for a Relay for Life cancer research benefit and
82 volunteering at the River Parishes SPCA, Susan B. Komen Race for
83 the Cure Relay, D.A.R.E. America and the Zurich Golf Classic
84 benefitting the Fore Kids Foundation; and

85 WHEREAS, a young woman who is always preparing for the
86 future, Miss Asia successfully completed Xavier University's
87 Stress on Analytical Reasoning (SOAR) program to prepare for
88 science and health careers and learn the cultural and personal
89 development necessary to achieve those goals; and

90 WHEREAS, Miss Asia's future is stellar having already been
91 awarded a four-year Merit Based Scholarship to Xavier University;
92 however, she may otherwise attend Tulane or Dillard, majoring in
93 communications with aspirations to run a television network with



94 her own television series to highlight the positive
95 accomplishments of the African-American community and to break
96 down stereotypes by uplifting her community and culture; and

97 WHEREAS, it is the policy of this Legislature to acknowledge
98 the goals and ambitions of such a beautiful spirit as that of
99 Asia, who is following the sentiment expressed by Mahatma Gandhi
100 as she pursues her dreams in television, "If I have the belief
101 that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it":

102 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
103 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
104 THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Miss Asia
105 Monet Wilson Reid on being inducted into the 2016 Original
106 Illinois Club debutantes and for her many impressive
107 accomplishments.

108 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
109 furnished to Miss Asia Reid and to the members of the Capitol
110 Press Corps.

